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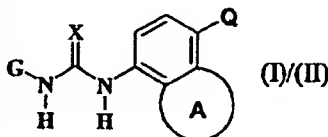
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(57) Abstract: Disclosed are compounds of the formula (I) & (II) which are active
as anti-inflammatory agents. Also disclosed are methods of using and making such
compounds, wherein G, X, A and Q are described herein.

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1,4-DISUBSTITUTED BENZO-FUSED UREA COMPOUNDS AS CYTOKINE INHIBITORS

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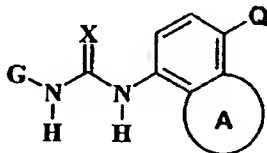
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TECHNICAL FIELD OF THE INVENTION

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This invention relates to 1,4-disubstituted benzo-fused urea compounds of formulas (I) & (II):



(I)/(II)

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wherein G, X, A and Q of formulas (I)/(II) are defined below. The compounds of the invention inhibit production of cytokines involved in inflammatory processes and are thus useful for treating diseases and pathological conditions involving inflammation such as chronic inflammatory disease. This invention also relates to processes for preparing these compounds and to pharmaceutical compositions comprising these compounds.

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

25 Tumor necrosis factor (TNF) and interleukin-1 (IL-1) are important biological entities collectively referred to as proinflammatory cytokines. These, along with several other related molecules, mediate the inflammatory response associated with the immunological

recognition of infectious agents. The inflammatory response plays an important role in limiting and controlling pathogenic infections.

- Elevated levels of proinflammatory cytokines are also associated with a number of diseases of autoimmunity such as toxic shock syndrome, rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, diabetes and inflammatory bowel disease (Dinarello, C.A., *et al.*, 1984, *Rev. Infect. Disease* 6:51). In these diseases, chronic elevation of inflammation exacerbates or causes much of the pathophysiology observed. For example, rheumatoid synovial tissue becomes invaded with inflammatory cells that result in destruction to cartilage and bone (Koch, A.E., *et al.*, 1995, *J. Invest. Med.* 43: 28-38). Studies suggest that inflammatory changes mediated by cytokines may be involved in the pathogenesis of restenosis after percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty (PTCA) (Tashiro, H., *et al.*, 2001 Mar, *Coron. Artery Dis.* 12(2):107-13). An important and accepted therapeutic approach for potential drug intervention in these diseases is the reduction of proinflammatory cytokines such as TNF (also referred to in its secreted cell-free form as TNF α) and IL-1 β . A number of anti-cytokine therapies are currently in clinical trials. Efficacy has been demonstrated with a monoclonal antibody directed against TNF α in a number of autoimmune diseases (Heath, P., "CDP571: An Engineered Human IgG4 Anti-TNF α Antibody" IBC Meeting on Cytokine Antagonists, Philadelphia, PA, April 24-5, 1997). These include the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis, Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis (Rankin, E.C.C., *et al.*, 1997, *British J. Rheum.* 35: 334-342 and Stack, W.A., *et al.*, 1997, *Lancet* 349: 521-524). The monoclonal antibody is thought to function by binding to both soluble TNF α and to membrane bound TNF.
- A soluble TNF α receptor has been engineered that interacts with TNF α . The approach is similar to that described above for the monoclonal antibodies directed against TNF α ; both agents bind to soluble TNF α , thus reducing its concentration. One version of this construct, called Enbrel (Immunex, Seattle, WA) recently demonstrated efficacy in a Phase III clinical trial for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis (Brower *et al.*, 1997, *Nature Biotechnology* 15: 1240). Another version of the TNF α receptor, Ro 45-2081 (Hoffman-LaRoche Inc., Nutley, NJ) has demonstrated efficacy in various animal models

of allergic lung inflammation and acute lung injury. Ro 45-2081 is a recombinant chimeric molecule constructed from the soluble 55 kDa human TNF receptor fused to the hinge region of the heavy chain IgG1 gene and expressed in eukaryotic cells (Renzetti, *et al.*, 1997, *Inflamm. Res.* 46: S143).

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IL-1 has been implicated as an immunological effector molecule in a large number of disease processes. IL-1 receptor antagonist (IL-1ra) had been examined in human clinical trials. Efficacy has been demonstrated for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis (Anril, Amgen). In a phase III human clinical trial IL-1ra reduced the mortality rate in patients with septic shock syndrome (Dinarello, 1995, *Nutrition* 11, 492). Osteoarthritis is a slow progressive disease characterized by destruction of the articular cartilage. IL-1 is detected in synovial fluid and in the cartilage matrix of osteoarthritic joints.

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Antagonists of IL-1 have been shown to diminish the degradation of cartilage matrix components in a variety of experimental models of arthritis (Chevalier, 1997, *Biomed Pharmacother.* 51, 58). Nitric oxide (NO) is a mediator of cardiovascular homeostasis, neurotransmission and immune function; recently it has been shown to have important effects in the modulation of bone remodeling. Cytokines such as IL-1 and TNF are potent stimulators of NO production. NO is an important regulatory molecule in bone with effects on cells of the osteoblast and osteoclast lineage (Evans, *et al.*, 1996, *J Bone Miner. Res.* 11, 300). The promotion of beta-cell destruction leading to insulin dependent diabetes mellitus shows dependence on IL-1. Some of this damage may be mediated through other effectors such as prostaglandins and thromboxanes. IL-1 can effect this process by controlling the level of both cyclooxygenase II and inducible nitric oxide synthetase expression (McDaniel *et al.*, 1996, *Proc. Soc. Exp. Biol. Med.* 211, 24).

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Inhibitors of cytokine production are expected to block inducible cyclooxygenase (COX-2) expression. COX-2 expression has been shown to be increased by cytokines and it is believed to be the isoform of cyclooxygenase responsible for inflammation (M.K. O'Banion *et al.*, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.*, 1992, 89, 4888.) Accordingly, inhibitors of cytokines such as IL-1 would be expected to exhibit efficacy against those disorders currently treated with COX inhibitors such as the familiar NSAIDs. These disorders

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include acute and chronic pain as well as symptoms of inflammation and cardiovascular disease.

- Elevation of several cytokines have been demonstrated during active inflammatory bowel disease (IBD). A mucosal imbalance of intestinal IL-1 and IL-1ra is present in patients with IBD. Insufficient production of endogenous IL-1ra may contribute to the pathogenesis of IBD (Cominelli, *et al.*, 1996, *Aliment. Pharmacol. Ther.* 10, 49).
- Alzheimer disease is characterized by the presence of beta-amyloid protein deposits, neurofibrillary tangles and cholinergic dysfunction throughout the hippocampal region.
- The structural and metabolic damage found in Alzheimer disease is possibly due to a sustained elevation of IL-1 (Holden, *et al.*, 1995, *Med. Hypotheses*, 45, 559). A role for IL-1 in the pathogenesis of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) has been identified. IL-1ra showed a clear relationship to acute inflammatory events as well as to the different disease stages in the pathophysiology of HIV infection (Kreuzer, *et al.*, 1997, *Clin. Exp. Immunol.* 109, 54). IL-1 and TNF are both involved in periodontal disease. The destructive process associated with periodontal disease may be due to a dysregulation of both IL-1 and TNF (Howells, 1995, *Oral Dis.* 1, 266).

- Proinflammatory cytokines such as TNF α and IL-1 β are also important mediators of septic shock and associated cardiopulmonary dysfunction, acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) and multiple organ failure. In a study of patients presenting at a hospital with sepsis, a correlation was found between TNF α and IL-6 levels and septic complications (Terregino *et al.*, 2000, *Ann. Emerg. Med.* 35, 26). TNF α has also been implicated in cachexia and muscle degradation, associated with HIV infection (Lahdiverta *et al.*, 1988, *Amer. J. Med.*, 85, 289). Obesity is associated with an increase incidence of infection, diabetes and cardiovascular disease. Abnormalities in TNF α expression have been noted for each of the above conditions (Loffreda, *et al.*, 1998, *FASEB J.* 12, 57). It has been proposed that elevated levels of TNF α are involved in other eating related disorders such as anorexia and bulimia nervosa. Pathophysiological parallels are drawn between anorexia nervosa and cancer cachexia (Holden, *et al.*, 1996, *Med. Hypotheses* 47, 423). An inhibitor of TNF α production, HU-211, was shown to

improve the outcome of closed brain injury in an experimental model (Shohami, *et al.*, 1997, *J. Neuroimmunol.* 72, 169). Atherosclerosis is known to have an inflammatory component and cytokines such as IL-1 and TNF have been suggested to promote the disease. In an animal model an IL-1 receptor antagonist was shown to inhibit fatty streak
5 formation (Elhage *et al.*, 1998, *Circulation*, 97, 242).

TNF α levels are elevated in airways of patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and it may contribute to the pathogenesis of this disease (M.A. Higham *et al.*, 2000, *Eur. Respiratory J.*, 15, 281). Circulating TNF α may also contribute to weight loss
10 associated with this disease (N. Takabatake *et al.*, 2000, *Amer. J. Resp. & Crit. Care Med.*, 161 (4 Pt 1), 1179). Elevated TNF α levels have also been found to be associated with congestive heart failure and the level has been correlated with severity of the disease (A.M. Feldman *et al.*, 2000, *J. Amer. College of Cardiology*, 35, 537). In addition, TNF α has been implicated in reperfusion injury in lung (Borjesson *et al.*, 2000, *Amer. J.*
15 *Physiol.*, 278, L3-12), kidney (Lemay *et al.*, 2000, *Transplantation*, 69, 959), and the nervous system (Mitsui *et al.*, 1999, *Brain Res.*, 844, 192).

TNF α is also a potent osteoclastogenic agent and is involved in bone resorption and diseases involving bone resorption (Abu-Amer *et al.*, 2000, *J. Biol. Chem.*, 275, 27307).
20 It has also been found highly expressed in chondrocytes of patients with traumatic arthritis (Melchiorri *et al.*, 2000, *Arthritis and Rheumatism*, 41, 2165). TNF α has also been shown to play a key role in the development of glomerulonephritis (Le Hir *et al.*, 1998, *Laboratory Investigation*, 78, 1625).

25 The abnormal expression of inducible nitric oxide synthetase (iNOS) has been associated with hypertension in the spontaneously hypertensive rat (Chou *et al.*, 1998, *Hypertension*, 31, 643). IL-1 has a role in the expression of iNOS and therefore may also have a role in the pathogenesis of hypertension (Singh *et al.*, 1996, *Amer. J. Hypertension*, 9, 867).

30 IL-1 has also been shown to induce uveitis in rats which could be inhibited with IL-1 blockers. (Xuan *et al.*, 1998, *J. Ocular Pharmacol. and Ther.*, 14, 31). Cytokines

including IL-1, TNF and GM-CSF have been shown to stimulate proliferation of acute myelogenous leukemia blasts (Bruserud, 1996, *Leukemia Res.* 20, 65). IL-1 was shown to be essential for the development of both irritant and allergic contact dermatitis.

Epicutaneous sensitization can be prevented by the administration of an anti- IL-1

- 5 monoclonal antibody before epicutaneous application of an allergen (Muller, *et al.*, 1996, *Am. J. Contact Dermat.* 7, 177). Data obtained from IL-1 knock out mice indicates the critical involvement in fever for this cytokine (Kluger *et al.*, 1998, *Clin. Exp. Pharmacol. Physiol.* 25, 141). A variety of cytokines including TNF, IL-1, IL-6 and IL-8 initiate the acute-phase reaction which is stereotyped in fever, malaise, myalgia, headaches, cellular
- 10 hypermetabolism and multiple endocrine and enzyme responses (Beisel, 1995, *Am. J. Clin. Nutr.* 62, 813). The production of these inflammatory cytokines rapidly follows trauma or pathogenic organism invasion.

Other proinflammatory cytokines have been correlated with a variety of disease states.

- 15 IL-8 correlates with influx of neutrophils into sites of inflammation or injury. Blocking antibodies against IL-8 have demonstrated a role for IL-8 in the neutrophil associated tissue injury in acute inflammation (Harada *et al.*, 1996, *Molecular Medicine Today* 2, 482). Therefore, an inhibitor of IL-8 production may be useful in the treatment of diseases mediated predominantly by neutrophils such as stroke and myocardial infarction,
- 20 alone or following thrombolytic therapy, thermal injury, adult respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS), multiple organ injury secondary to trauma, acute glomerulonephritis, dermatoses with acute inflammatory components, acute purulent meningitis or other central nervous system disorders, hemodialysis, leukopheresis, granulocyte transfusion associated syndromes, and necrotizing enterocolitis.
- 25 Rhinovirus triggers the production of various proinflammatory cytokines, predominantly IL-8, which results in symptomatic illnesses such as acute rhinitis (Winther *et al.*, 1998, *Am. J. Rhinol.* 12, 17).

- Other diseases that are effected by IL-8 include myocardial ischemia and reperfusion,
- 30 inflammatory bowel disease and many others.

The proinflammatory cytokine IL-6 has been implicated with the acute phase response. IL-6 is a growth factor in a number in oncological diseases including multiple myeloma and related plasma cell dyscrasias (Treon, *et al.*, 1998, *Current Opinion in Hematology* 5: 42). It has also been shown to be an important mediator of inflammation within the
5 central nervous system. Elevated levels of IL-6 are found in several neurological disorders including AIDS dementia complex, Alzheimer's disease, multiple sclerosis, systemic lupus erythematosus, CNS trauma and viral and bacterial meningitis (Gruol, *et al.*, 1997, *Molecular Neurobiology* 15: 307). IL-6 also plays a significant role in osteoporosis. In murine models it has been shown to effect bone resorption and to induce
10 osteoclast activity (Ershler *et al.*, 1997, *Development and Comparative Immunol.* 21: 487). Marked cytokine differences, such as IL-6 levels, exist in vivo between osteoclasts of normal bone and bone from patients with Paget's disease (Mills, *et al.*, 1997, *Calcif. Tissue Int.* 61, 16). A number of cytokines have been shown to be involved in cancer cachexia. The severity of key parameters of cachexia can be reduced by treatment with
15 anti IL-6 antibodies or with IL-6 receptor antagonists (Strassmann, *et al.*, 1995, *Cytokines Mol. Ther.* 1, 107). Several infectious diseases, such as influenza, indicate IL-6 and IFN alpha as key factors in both symptom formation and in host defense (Hayden, *et al.*, 1998, *J. Clin. Invest.* 101, 643). Overexpression of IL-6 has been implicated in the pathology of a number of diseases including multiple myeloma, rheumatoid arthritis,
20 Castleman's disease, psoriasis and post-menopausal osteoporosis (Simpson, *et al.*, 1997, *Protein Sci.* 6, 929). Compounds that interfered with the production of cytokines including IL-6, and TNF were effective in blocking a passive cutaneous anaphylaxis in mice (Scholz *et al.*, 1998, *J. Med. Chem.*, 41, 1050).

25 GM-CSF is another proinflammatory cytokine with relevance to a number of therapeutic diseases. It influences not only proliferation and differentiation of stem cells but also regulates several other cells involved in acute and chronic inflammation. Treatment with GM-CSF has been attempted in a number of disease states including burn-wound healing, skin-graft resolution as well as cytostatic and radiotherapy induced mucositis (Masucci,
30 1996, *Medical Oncology* 13: 149). GM-CSF also appears to play a role in the replication of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) in cells of macrophage lineage with relevance

- activated in response to infection with certain viruses via the induction of proinflammatory cytokines such as IFN γ (Akaike, *et al.*, 1998, *Proc. Soc. Exp. Biol. Med.* 217, 64). Patients, chronically infected with hepatitis B virus (HBV) can develop cirrhosis and hepatocellular carcinoma. Viral gene expression and replication in HBV transgenic mice can be suppressed by a post-transcriptional mechanism mediated by IFN γ , TNF and IL-2 (Chisari, *et al.*, 1995, *Springer Semin. Immunopathol.* 17, 261). IFN γ can selectively inhibit cytokine induced bone resorption. It appears to do this via the intermediacy of nitric oxide (NO) which is an important regulatory molecule in bone remodeling. NO may be involved as a mediator of bone disease for such diseases as: the rheumatoid arthritis, tumor associated osteolysis and postmenopausal osteoporosis (Evans, *et al.*, 1996, *J. Bone Miner Res.* 11, 300). Studies with gene deficient mice have demonstrated that the IL-12 dependent production of IFN γ is critical in the control of early parasitic growth. Although this process is independent of nitric oxide the control of chronic infection does appear to be NO dependent (Alexander *et al.*, 1997, *Philos Trans R Soc Lond B Biol Sci* 352, 1355). NO is an important vasodilator and convincing evidence exists for its role in cardiovascular shock (Kilbourn, *et al.*, 1997, *Dis Mon.* 43, 277). IFN γ is required for progression of chronic intestinal inflammation in such diseases as Crohn's disease and inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) presumably through the intermediacy of CD4+ lymphocytes probably of the TH1 phenotype (Sartor 1996, *Aliment Pharmacol Ther.* 10 Suppl 2, 43). An elevated level of serum IgE is associated with various atopic diseases such as bronchial asthma and atopic dermatitis. The level of IFN γ was negatively correlated with serum IgE suggesting a role for IFN γ in atopic patients (Teramoto *et al.*, 1998, *Clin Exp Allergy* 28, 74).
- WO 01/01986 discloses particular compounds alleged to having the ability to inhibit TNF-alpha. The specific inhibitors disclosed are structurally distinct from the novel compounds disclosed in the present application disclosed hereinbelow. Certain compounds disclosed in WO 01/01986 are indicated to be effective in treating the following diseases: dementia associated with HIV infection, glaucoma, optic-neuropathy, optic neuritis, retinal ischemia, laser induced optic damage, surgery or trauma-induced proliferative vitreoretinopathy, cerebral ischemia, hypoxia-ischemia, hypoglycemia,

U.S. Pat. No. 5,162,360 discloses N-substituted aryl-N'-heterocyclic substituted urea compounds which are described as being useful for treating hypercholesterolemia and atherosclerosis.

5 The work cited above supports the principle that inhibition of cytokine production will be beneficial in the treatment of various disease states. Some protein therapeutics are in late development or have been approved for use in particular diseases. Protein therapeutics are costly to produce and have bioavailability and stability problems. Therefore a need exists for new small molecule inhibitors of cytokine production with optimized efficacy, pharmacokinetic and safety profiles.

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All references cited in this application are incorporated herein in their entirety.

15 BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The work cited above supports the principle that inhibition of cytokine production will be beneficial in the treatment of various disease states.

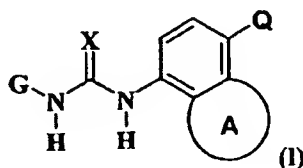
20 It is therefore an object of the invention to provide compounds which inhibit the release of inflammatory cytokines such as interleukin-1 and tumor necrosis factor.

It is a further object of the invention to provide methods for treating diseases and pathological conditions involving inflammation such as chronic inflammatory disease,
25 using the novel compounds of the invention.

It is yet a further object of the invention to provide processes of preparation of the above-mentioned novel compounds.

30 DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

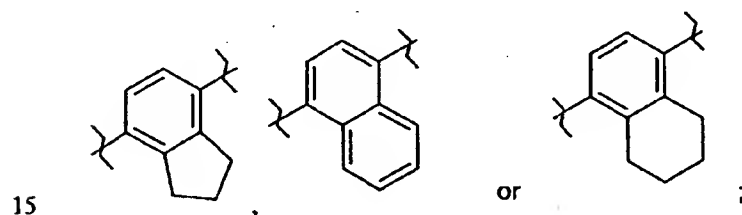
In a first broad generic aspect of the invention, there are provided compounds of the formula (I):



ring A is:

fused saturated or unsaturated ring containing 3-5 carbon atoms wherein ring A or the phenyl ring to which it is fused is optionally substituted by one or more C₁₋₆ branched or
 10 unbranched alkyl, acetyl, aroyl, C₁₋₆ branched or unbranched alkoxy, halogen, methoxycarbonyl, phenylsulfonyl, hydroxy, amino, mono- or di-(C₁₋₄ alkyl)amino, mono- or di-(C₁₋₄ alkyl)amino-S(O)_m, cyano, nitro or H₂NSO₂;

Preferred formula (I) compounds are those where ring A and the phenyl ring to which it is fused form:



G is a 5-membered heteroaryl ring;

wherein G is optionally substituted by one or more R₁, R₂ or R₃;

20 Q is a carbocyclic ring chosen from naphthyl, benzocyclobutanyl, dihydronaphthyl, tetrahydronaphthyl, benzocycloheptanyl, benzocycloheptenyl, indanyl and indenyl;

domoic acid poisoning, anoxia, carbon monoxide or manganese or cyanide poisoning, Huntington's disease, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, meningitis, multiple sclerosis and other demyelinating diseases, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, head and spinal cord trauma, seizures, convulsions, olivopontocerebellar atrophy, neuropathic pain syndromes, diabetic neuropathy, HIV-related neuropathy, MERRF and MELAS syndromes, Leber's disease, Wernicke's encephalopathy, Rett syndrome, homocysteinuria, hyperprolinemia, hyperhomocysteinemia, nonketotic hyperglycinemia, hydroxybutyric aminoaciduria, sulfite oxidase deficiency, combined systems disease, lead encephalopathy, Tourett's syndrome, hepatic encephalopathy, drug addiction, drug tolerance, drug dependency, depression, anxiety and schizophrenia. WO 02/32862 discloses that inhibitors of pro-inflammatory cytokines including TNF α are allegedly useful for treating acute and chronic inflammation in the lung caused by inhalation of smoke such as cigarette smoke. TNF α antagonists are apparently also useful for the treatment of endometriosis, see EP 1022027 A1. Infliximab, in clinical trials for RA, has also been indicated to be useful for treating various inflammatory diseases including Behcet's disease, uveitis and ankylosing spondylitis. Pancreatitis may also be regulated by inflammatory mediator production, see J Surg Res 2000 May 15 90(2)95-101; Shock 1998 Sep. 10(3):160-75. p38MAP kinase pathway plays an role in B.burgdorferi-elicited inflammation and may be useful in treating inflammation induced by the Lyme disease agent. Anguita, J. et. al., *The Journal of Immunology*, 2002, 168:6352-6357.

Compounds which modulate release of one or more of the aforementioned inflammatory cytokines can be useful in treating diseases associated with release of these cytokines. For example, WO 98/52558 discloses heteroaryl urea compounds which are indicated to be useful in treating cytokine mediated diseases. WO 99/23091 discloses another class of urea compounds which are useful as anti-inflammatory agents. WO 99/32463 relates to aryl ureas and their use in treating cytokine diseases and proteolytic enzyme mediated disease. WO 00/41698 discloses aryl ureas said to be useful in treating p38 MAP kinase diseases.

to AIDS therapy (Crowe *et al.*, 1997, *Journal of Leukocyte Biology* 62, 41). Bronchial asthma is characterised by an inflammatory process in lungs. Involved cytokines include GM-CSF amongst others (Lee, 1998, *J. R. Coll. Physicians Lond* 32, 56).

- 5 Interferon γ (IFN γ) has been implicated in a number of diseases. It has been associated with increased collagen deposition that is a central histopathological feature of graft-versus-host disease (Parkman, 1998, *Curr. Opin. Hematol.* 5, 22). Following kidney transplantation, a patient was diagnosed with acute myelogenous leukemia. Retrospective analysis of peripheral blood cytokines revealed elevated levels of GM-CSF
- 10 and IFN γ . These elevated levels coincided with a rise in peripheral blood white cell count (Burke, *et al.*, 1995, *Leuk. Lymphoma.* 19, 173). The development of insulin-dependent diabetes (Type 1) can be correlated with the accumulation in pancreatic islet cells of T-cells producing IFN γ (Ablumunits, *et al.*, 1998, *J. Autoimmun.* 11, 73). IFN γ along with TNF, IL-2 and IL-6 lead to the activation of most peripheral T-cells prior to
- 15 the development of lesions in the central nervous system for diseases such as multiple sclerosis (MS) and AIDS dementia complex (Martino *et al.*, 1998, *Ann. Neurol.* 43, 340). Atherosclerotic lesions result in arterial disease that can lead to cardiac and cerebral infarction. Many activated immune cells are present in these lesions, mainly T-cells and macrophages. These cells produce large amounts of proinflammatory cytokines such as
- 20 TNF, IL-1 and IFN γ . These cytokines are thought to be involved in promoting apoptosis or programmed cell death of the surrounding vascular smooth muscle cells resulting in the atherosclerotic lesions (Geng, 1997, *Heart Vessels Suppl.* 12, 76). Allergic subjects produce mRNA specific for IFN γ following challenge with *Vespula* venom (Bonay, *et al.*, 1997, *Clin. Exp. Immunol.* 109, 342). The expression of a number of cytokines,
- 25 including IFN γ has been shown to increase following a delayed type hypersensitivity reaction thus indicating a role for IFN γ in atopic dermatitis (Szepietowski, *et al.*, 1997, *Br. J. Dermatol.* 137, 195). Histopathologic and immunohistologic studies were performed in cases of fatal cerebral malaria. Evidence for elevated IFN γ amongst other cytokines was observed indicating a role in this disease (Udomsangpetch *et al.*, 1997, *Am.*
- 30 *J. Trop. Med. Hyg.* 57, 501). The importance of free radical species in the pathogenesis of various infectious diseases has been established. The nitric oxide synthesis pathway is

- a ring system chosen from benzoxazinyl, benzimidazolyl, benzothiazolyl, benzooxazolyl, benzofuranyl, benzopyranyl, benzodioxolyl, quinaldinyl, quinazolinyl, quinoxalinyl, isoquinolinyl, quinolinyl, indolyl, isoindolyl, indolyl, purinyl, tetrahydroquinolinyl, indazolyl, imidazo-pyridinyl, pyrazolo-pyridinyl, pyrazolo-pyrimidinyl, pyrrolo-pyrimidinyl, pyrrolo-pyridinyl, pyrido-pyrazinyl, pyrido-pyrimidinyl, pyrido-oxazinyl, pyrido-thiazinyl, pyrido-oxazolyl, pyrido-thioxazolyl, pyrimido-pyrimidine, pteridinyl, cinnolinyl and naphthyridinyl;
- wherein each Q is optionally substituted with one to three Y,
- each Y is independently chosen from
- $L-NR_5R_6$ wherein L is a bond, $-(CH_2)_{1-5}-$ or $>C(O)$, hydrogen, oxo, C_{1-5} alkyl branched or unbranched, C_{1-3} alkyl(OH), C_{2-5} alkenyl, C_{1-3} acyl, heterocyclyl C_{0-3} alkyl wherein the heterocyclyl is chosen from morpholinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, tetrahydropyranyl and tetrahydrofuryl, heteroaryl C_{0-3} alkyl
- wherein the heteroaryl is chosen from pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, thienyl, furyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, triazolyl, tetrazolyl, isothiazolyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, indolyl, benzimidazolyl, benzofuranyl, benzoxazolyl, benzisoxazolyl, benzopyrazolyl, benzothiofuranyl, quinoxalinyl, quinazolinyl and indazolyl and aryl C_{0-3} alkyl,
- wherein each Y is optionally substituted by one to three hydroxy, oxo, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-3} alkoxy, C_{1-4} acyl, C_{1-5} alkoxy carbonyl, $-NR_5R_6$ or $NR_5R_6-C(O)-$;
- each R_5 or R_6 is independently:
- hydrogen, aryl C_{0-3} alkyl, C_{3-7} cycloalkyl C_{0-3} alkyl, heterocyclyl C_{0-3} alkyl or heterocyclylcarbonyl wherein the heterocyclyl is as hereinabove described for Y,
- heteroaryl C_{0-3} alkyl or heteroarylcarbonyl wherein the heteroaryl is as hereinabove described for Y, C_{1-3} acyl, aroyl or C_{1-6} branched or unbranched alkyl, each R_5 or R_6 is optionally substituted by C_{1-5} alkoxy, hydroxy, mono- or di- C_{1-3} alkylaminocarbonyl, mono or di- C_{1-3} alkyl amino, mono or di- C_{1-3} alkylsulfonylamino or C_{1-3} alkylsulfonyl;
- each R_1 is independently:

C₁₋₁₀ alkyl branched or unbranched, wherein one or more C atoms are optionally independently replaced by O, N or S(O)_m, and wherein said C₁₋₁₀ alkyl is optionally substituted with one to three C₃₋₁₀ cycloalkyl, hydroxy, oxo, phenyl, naphthyl or halogen; or R₁ is

- 5 cyclopropyloxy, cyclobutyloxy, cyclopentyloxy, cyclohexyloxy or cycloheptyloxy each optionally substituted with one to three C₁₋₃ alkyl groups, nitrile, hydroxyC₁₋₃alkyl or aryl;
phenyloxy or benzyloxy each optionally substituted with one to three C₁₋₃ alkyl groups, nitrile, hydroxyC₁₋₃alkyl or aryl;

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cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl, bicyclopentanyl, bicyclohexanyl or bicycloheptanyl, each being optionally substituted with one to three C₁₋₃ alkyl, nitrile, hydroxyC₁₋₃alkyl or aryl;

- 15 C₃₋₁₀ branched or unbranched alkenyl each being optionally substituted with one to three C₁₋₅ branched or unbranched alkyl, phenyl or naphthyl;

cyclopentenyl, cyclohexenyl, cyclohexadienyl, cycloheptenyl, cycloheptadienyl, bicyclohexenyl or bicycloheptenyl, wherein each optionally substituted with one to three

- 20 C₁₋₃ alkyl groups;

oxo, nitrile, halogen; or

- 25 C₃₋₆ alkynyl branched or unbranched carbon chain wherein one or more methylene groups are optionally replaced by O, N or S(O)_m and wherein said alkynyl group is optionally independently substituted with one to two oxo groups, hydroxy, pyrrolidinyl, pyrrolyl, tetrahydropyranyl, C₁₋₄ alkyl optionally substituted by one or more halogen atoms, nitrile, morpholino, piperidinyl, piperazinyl, imidazolyl, phenyl, pyridinyl, tetrazolyl or mono- or di(C₁₋₃alkyl)amino;

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each R₂ is independently:

a C₁₋₆ branched or unbranched alkyl optionally halogenated, C₁₋₆acyl, aroyl, C₁₋₄ branched or unbranched alkoxy optionally halogenated, halogen, methoxycarbonyl, C₁₋₄ alkyl-S(O)_m branched or unbranched or phenyl-S(O)_m;

- 5 each R₃ is independently C₁₋₆ branched or unbranched alkyl, arylC₀₋₆ alkyl, heteroarylC₀₋₆ alkyl or heterocyclyl C₀₋₆ alkyl each optionally substituted with one to three C₁₋₃ alkyl groups, nitrile, hydroxyC₁₋₃alkyl or aryl;

each m is independently 0, 1 or 2;

- 10 and X is O or S;
or the pharmaceutically acceptable derivatives thereof;

with the proviso that the following compounds are excluded:

- 15 1-[5-tert-butyl-2-p-tolyl-2H-pyrazol-3-yl]-3-[4-(1-morpholin-4-yl-indan-5-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea and

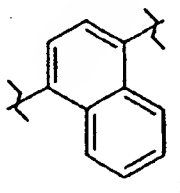
1-[5-tert-butyl-2-p-tolyl-2H-pyrazol-3-yl]-3-[4-(3-benzyl-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl)naphthalen-1-yl]-urea.

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In one embodiment of the invention there are provided compounds of the formula (I) as described in the first generic embodiment immediately above and wherein:

- 25 G is pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, thienyl, furyl, thiazolyl or oxazolyl;
wherein G is optionally substituted by one to three R₁, R₂ or R₃;

ring A and the phenyl ring to which it is fused form:



Q is

a ring system chosen from benzimidazolyl, benzothiazolyl, benzooxazolyl, benzisoxazolyl, benzofuranyl, benzodioxolyl, indolyl, isoindolyl, imidazo[4,5-b]pyridinyl, imidazo[4,5-c]pyridinyl, purinyl, indazolyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, quinazolinyl, benzopyranyl, benzoxazinyl, pyrido[2,3-b]oxazinyl, pyrido[2,3-b]pyrazinyl, pyrido[2,3-b]thiazinyl, pyrrolo[3,2-c]pyridinyl and pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidinyl; wherein each Q is optionally substituted with one to three Y,

10 R₁ is

C₁₋₁₀ alkyl, C₁₋₁₀ alkoxy each branched or unbranched and optionally substituted with one to three C₃₋₁₀ cycloalkyl, hydroxy, oxo, phenyl, naphthyl or halogen,

or R₁ is

cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl, bicyclopentanyl,

15 bicyclohexanyl or bicycloheptanyl, each optionally substituted with one to three C₁₋₃ alkyl, nitrile, hydroxyC₁₋₃alkyl or aryl;

R₃ is C₁₋₆ branched or unbranched alkyl, phenyl, naphthyl, benzyl, phenethyl,

heteroarylC₀₋₆ alkyl wherein the heteroaryl is chosen from pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl,

20 pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, thienyl, furyl, isoxazolyl,

thiazolyl, oxazolyl, triazolyl, tetrazolyl, isothiazolyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, indolyl,

benzimidazolyl, benzofuranyl, benzoxazolyl, benzisoxazolyl, benzopyrazolyl,

benzothiofuranyl, quinoxalinyl, quinazolinyl and indazolyl or heterocyclylC₀₋₆ alkyl

wherein the heterocyclyl is chosen from morpholinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl,

25 pyrrolidinyl and tetrahydrofuryl, each optionally substituted with one to three C₁₋₃ alkyl;

and

X is O.

In another embodiment of the invention there are provided compounds of the formula (I)

30 as described in the embodiment immediately above and wherein:

G is pyrrolyl, imidazolyl or pyrazolyl,
wherein G is optionally substituted by one to three R₁, R₂ or R₃;

- 5 each Y is independently chosen from
L-NR₅R₆ wherein L is a bond, -(CH₂)₁₋₅- or >C(O),
hydrogen, oxo, C₁₋₅ alkyl branched or unbranched, C₁₋₃ alkyl(OH), C₂₋₅ alkenyl, C₁₋₃ acyl,
heterocyclylC₀₋₃ alkyl wherein the heterocyclyl is chosen from morpholinyl, piperazinyl,
and pyrrolidinyl, heteroarylC₀₋₃ alkyl wherein the heteroaryl is chosen from pyridinyl,
10 pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl,
and oxazolyl, phenyl, naphthyl, benzyl and phenethyl,
wherein each Y is optionally substituted by one to three hydroxy, oxo, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₃
alkoxy, C₁₋₄ acyl, C₁₋₅ alkoxy carbonyl or -NR₅R₆;
each R₅ or R₆ is independently:
15 hydrogen, phenyl, naphthyl, benzyl, phenethyl, C₃₋₇ cycloalkylC₀₋₃ alkyl, heterocyclylC₀₋₃
alkyl or heterocyclylcarbonyl wherein the heterocyclyl is chosen from morpholinyl,
tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydropyranyl, heteroarylC₀₋₃ alkyl or heteroarylcarbonyl wherein
the heteroaryl is chosen from pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl and pyridazinyl, C₁₋₃ acyl,
aroyl or C₁₋₆ branched or unbranched alkyl, each R₅ or R₆ is optionally substituted by C₁₋₅
20 alkoxy, mono or diC₁₋₃ alkyl amino, mono or diC₁₋₃ alkylsulfonylamino or C₁₋₃
alkylsulfonyl;

- R₁ is
C₁₋₁₀ alkyl, C₁₋₉ alkoxy each branched or unbranched and optionally substituted with one
25 to three C₃₋₁₀ cycloalkyl, hydroxy, oxo, phenyl, naphthyl, fluoro, bromo or chloro;
and
R₃ is C₁₋₆ branched or unbranched alkyl, phenyl, naphthyl, benzyl, phenethyl, pyridinyl,
morpholinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl or pyrrolidinyl each optionally substituted with one
to three C₁₋₃ alkyl.

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In yet another embodiment of the invention there are provided compounds of the formula (I) as described in the embodiment immediately above and wherein:

G is pyrazolyl optionally substituted by one to three R_1 , R_2 or R_3 ;

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Q is chosen from imidazo[4,5-b]pyridinyl, imidazo[4,5-c]pyridinyl, pyrido[2,3-b]oxazinyl and pyrrolo[3,2-c]pyridinyl;

wherein each Q is optionally substituted with one to three Y;

10 each Y is independently chosen from

$L-NR_5R_6$ wherein L is a bond, $-(CH_2)_{1-5}$ or $>C(O)$,

hydrogen, oxo, C_{1-3} alkyl branched or unbranched, heterocyclyl C_{0-3} alkyl wherein the heterocyclyl is chosen from morpholinyl, piperazinyl, and pyrrolidinyl, pyridinyl C_{0-3} alkyl or benzyl,

15 wherein each Y is optionally substituted by one to three hydroxy, oxo, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-3} alkoxy, C_{1-4} acyl or $-NR_5R_6$; and

each R_5 or R_6 is independently:

hydrogen, phenyl, benzyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl C_{0-3} alkyl, heterocyclyl C_{0-3} alkyl or heterocyclylcarbonyl wherein the heterocyclyl is chosen from morpholinyl,

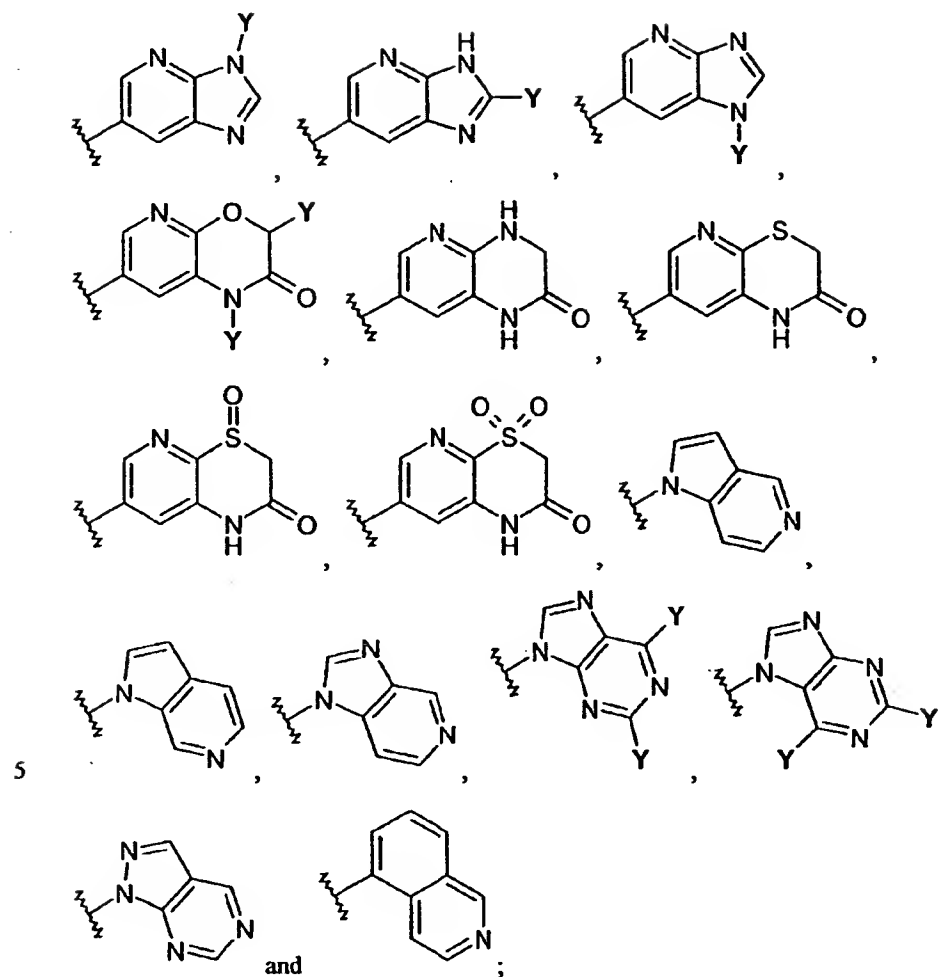
20 tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydropyranyl, pyridinyl C_{0-3} alkyl, pyridinylcarbonyl, C_{1-3} acyl, benzoyl or C_{1-6} branched or unbranched alkyl, each R_5 or R_6 is optionally substituted by C_{1-3} alkoxy, mono or di C_{1-3} alkyl amino, mono or di C_{1-3} alkylsulfonylamino or C_{1-3} alkylsulfonyl.

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In still another embodiment of the invention there are provided compounds of the formula (I) as described in the embodiment immediately above and wherein:

30 G is 2H-pyrazol-3-yl optionally substituted by one to three R_1 , R_2 or R_3 ;

Q is chosen from:



10 R_1 is

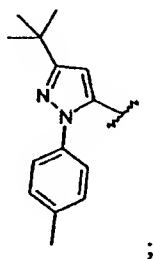
CF_3 , OCF_3 , $-C(CH_3)_3$, $-C(CH_2F)_3$ or $-CH_2C(CH_3)_3$;

and

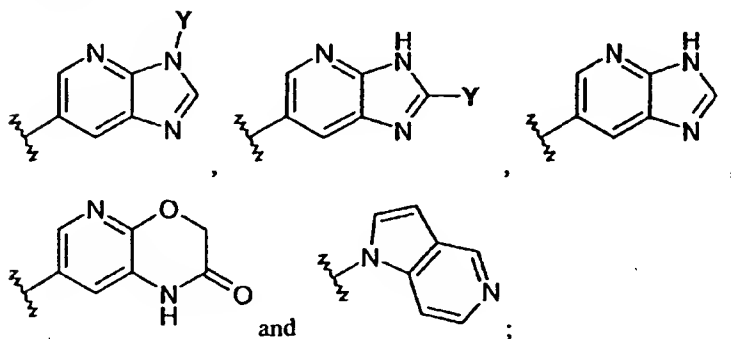
R_3 is phenyl or benzyl each optionally substituted with one to three C_{1-3} alkyl.

In yet still another embodiment of the invention there are provided compounds of the formula (I) as described in the embodiment immediately above and wherein:

5 G is:



Q is chosen from



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and

Y is independently chosen from

L-NR₅R₆ wherein L is a bond or -(CH₂)₁₋₃-,

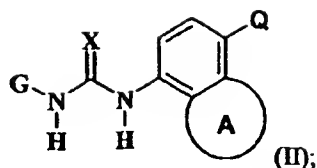
C₁₋₃ alkyl branched or unbranched, morpholinylC₀₋₃ alkyl or benzyl; and

15 each R₅ or R₆ is independently:

hydrogen, phenyl, benzyl or C₃₋₆ cycloalkylC₀₋₃ alkyl.

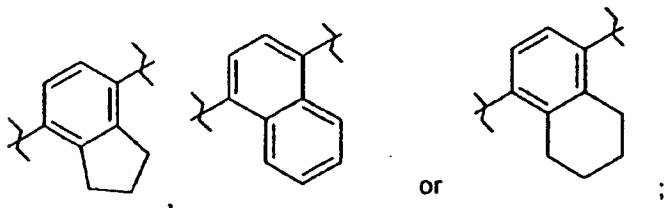
In a second broad generic aspect of the invention, there are provided compounds of the

20 formula (II):



ring A is:

- 5 fused saturated or unsaturated ring containing 3-5 carbon atoms wherein ring A or the phenyl ring to which it is fused is optionally substituted by one or more a C₁₋₆ branched or unbranched alkyl, acetyl, aroyl, C₁₋₆ branched or unbranched alkoxy, halogen, methoxycarbonyl, phenylsulfonyl, hydroxy, amino, mono- or di-(C₁₋₄ alkyl)amino, mono- or di-(C₁₋₄ alkyl)amino-S(O)_m, cyano, nitro or H₂NSO₂;
- 10 Preferred formula (II) compounds are those where ring A and the phenyl ring to which it is fused form:



G is

- 15 a 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl ring chosen from pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, and pyridazinyl;
- a ring system chosen from benzoxazinyl, benzimidazolyl, benzothiazolyl, benzooxazolyl, benzofuranyl, benzopyranyl, benzodioxolyl, quinaldinyl, quinazolinyl, quinoxalinyl, isoquinolinyl, quinolinyl, indolyl, isoindolyl, indolinyl, purinyl, indazolyl, imidazo-
- 20 pyridinyl, pyrazolo-pyridinyl, pyrazolo-pyrimidinyl, pyrrolo-pyrimidinyl, pyrrolo-pyridinyl, pyrido-pyrazinyl, pyrido-pyrimidinyl, pyrido-oxazinyl, pyrido-thiazinyl, pyrido-oxazolyl, pyrido-thioxazolyl, pyrimido-pyrimidine, pteridinyl, cinnolinyl and naphthyridinyl;
- a 3-7 membered carbocyclic ring aromatic or nonaromatic;

wherein **G** is optionally substituted by one or more **R**₁, **R**₂ or **R**₃;

Q is

- 5 a carbocyclic ring chosen from naphthyl, benzocyclobutanyl, dihydronaphthyl, tetrahydronaphthyl, benzocycloheptanyl, benzocycloheptenyl, indanyl and indenyl;

- a ring system chosen from benzoxazinyl, benzimidazolyl, benzothiazolyl, benzooxazolyl, benzofuranyl, benzopyranyl, benzodioxolyl, quinaldiny, quinazolinyl, quinoxaliny, isoquinolinyl, quinolinyl, indolyl, isoindolyl, indolinyl, purinyl, tetrahydroquinolinyl, indazolyl, imidazo-pyridinyl, pyrazolo-pyridinyl, pyrazolo-pyrimidinyl, pyrrolo-pyrimidinyl, pyrrolo-pyridinyl, pyrido-pyrazinyl, pyrido-pyrimidinyl, pyrido-oxazinyl, pyrido-thiazinyl, pyrido-oxazolyl, pyrido-thioxazolyl, pyrimido-pyrimidine, pteridinyl, cinnolinyl and naphthyridinyl;

- 15 wherein each **Q** is optionally substituted with one to three **Y**,

each **Y** is independently chosen from

- L-NR₅R₆** wherein **L** is a bond, $-(CH_2)_{1-5}-$ or $>C(O)$,
hydrogen, oxo, C₁₋₅ alkyl branched or unbranched, C₁₋₃ alkyl(OH), C₂₋₅ alkenyl, C₁₋₃ acyl,
20 heterocyclylC₀₋₃ alkyl wherein the heterocyclyl is chosen from morpholinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl and tetrahydrofuryl, heteroarylC₀₋₃ alkyl wherein the heteroaryl is chosen from pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, thienyl, furyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, triazolyl, tetrazolyl, isothiazolyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, indolyl, benzimidazolyl, benzofuranyl, benzoxazolyl,
25 benzisoxazolyl, benzopyrazolyl, benzothiofuranyl, quinoxaliny, quinazolinyl and indazolyl and arylC₀₋₃ alkyl,

wherein each **Y** is optionally substituted by one to three hydroxy, oxo, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₃ alkoxy, C₁₋₄ acyl, C₁₋₅ alkoxy carbonyl, $-NR_5R_6$ or $NR_5R_6-C(O)-$;

each **R**₅ or **R**₆ is independently:

- 30 hydrogen, arylC₀₋₃ alkyl, C₃₋₇ cycloalkylC₀₋₃ alkyl, heterocyclylC₀₋₃ alkyl or heterocyclylcarbonyl wherein the heterocyclyl is as hereinabove described for **Y**,

heteroarylC₀₋₃ alkyl or heteroarylcarbonyl wherein the heteroaryl is as hereinabove described for Y, C₁₋₃ acyl, aroyl or C₁₋₆ branched or unbranched alkyl, each R₅ or R₆ is optionally substituted by C₁₋₅ alkoxy, hydroxy, mono- or di-C₁₋₃alkylaminocarbonyl, mono or diC₁₋₃ alkylamino, mono or diC₁₋₃ alkylsulfonylamino or C₁₋₃ alkylsulfonyl;

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each R₁ is independently:

C₁₋₁₀ alkyl branched or unbranched, wherein one or more C atoms are optionally independently replaced by O, N or S(O)_m, and wherein said C₁₋₁₀ alkyl is optionally substituted with one to three C₃₋₁₀ cycloalkyl, hydroxy, oxo, phenyl, naphthyl or halogen,

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or R₁ is

phenyl, cyclopropyloxy, cyclobutyloxy, cyclopentyloxy, cyclohexyloxy or cycloheptyloxy each optionally substituted with one to three C₁₋₃ alkyl groups, nitrile, hydroxyC₁₋₃alkyl or aryl;

phenyloxy or benzyloxy each optionally substituted with one to three C₁₋₃ alkyl groups,

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nitrile, hydroxyC₁₋₃alkyl or aryl;

cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl, bicyclopentanyl, bicyclohexanyl or bicycloheptanyl, each being optionally substituted with one to three C₁₋₃ alkyl, nitrile, hydroxyC₁₋₃alkyl or aryl;

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C₃₋₁₀ branched or unbranched alkenyl each being optionally substituted with one to three C₁₋₅ branched or unbranched alkyl, phenyl or naphthyl,

cyclopentenyl, cyclohexenyl, cyclohexadienyl, cycloheptenyl, cycloheptadienyl,

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bicyclohexenyl or bicycloheptenyl, each optionally substituted with one to three C₁₋₃ alkyl groups;

morpholinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, tetrahydropyranyl or tetrahydrofuryl,

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oxo, nitrile, halogen; or

C₃₋₆ alkynyl branched or unbranched carbon chain wherein one or more methylene groups are optionally replaced by O, N or S(O)_m and wherein said alkynyl group is optionally independently substituted with one to two oxo groups, hydroxy, pyrrolidinyl, pyrrolyl, tetrahydropyranyl, one or more C₁₋₄ alkyl optionally substituted by one or more
 5 halogen atoms, nitrile, morpholino, piperidinyl, piperazinyl, imidazolyl, phenyl, pyridinyl, tetrazolyl or mono- or di(C₁₋₃alkyl)amino;

each R₂ is independently:

a C₁₋₆ branched or unbranched alkyl optionally halogenated, C₁₋₆acyl, aroyl, C₁₋₄
 10 branched or unbranched alkoxy optionally halogenated, halogen, methoxycarbonyl, C₁₋₄ alkyl-S(O)_m branched or unbranched or phenyl-S(O)_m;

each R₃ is independently

C₁₋₆ branched or unbranched alkyl, arylC₀₋₆ alkyl, heteroarylC₀₋₆ alkyl, heterocyclyl C₀₋₆
 15 alkyl each optionally substituted with one to three C₁₋₃ alkyl groups, nitrile, hydroxyC₁₋₃ alkyl or aryl;

amino wherein the nitrogen atom is optionally mono- or di-substituted by C₁₋₆ branched or unbranched alkyl, arylC₀₋₆ alkyl, heteroarylC₀₋₆ alkyl and heterocyclyl C₀₋₆ alkyl;

J-S(O)_m-NR₇- wherein the nitrogen atom is covalently attached to G;

20 or R₃ is J-NR₇-C(O)-,

wherein

R₇ is hydrogen or C₁₋₃ alkyl;

J is chosen from C₁₋₆ branched or unbranched alkyl optionally substituted with 1 to 3 halogen atoms, arylC₀₋₆ alkyl, heteroarylC₀₋₆ alkyl and heterocyclyl C₀₋₆ alkyl;

25 each m is independently 0, 1 or 2;

and X is O or S;

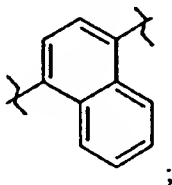
or the pharmaceutically acceptable derivatives thereof.

30 In yet still another embodiment of the invention there are provided compounds of the formula (II) as described in the embodiment immediately above and wherein:

G is a 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl ring chosen from pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl and pyridazinyl;

- 5 phenyl, naphthyl, indanyl, indenyl or C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl;
wherein **G** is optionally substituted by one to three **R**₁, **R**₂ or **R**₃;

ring **A** and the phenyl ring to which it is fused form:



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Q is

- a ring system chosen from benzimidazolyl, benzothiazolyl, benzooxazolyl, benzisoxazolyl, benzofuranyl, benzodioxolyl, indolyl, isoindolyl,
15 imidazo[4,5-b]pyridinyl, imidazo[4,5-c]pyridinyl, purinyl, indazolyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, quinazolinyl, benzopyranyl, benzoxazinyl, pyrido[2,3-b]oxazinyl, pyrido[2,3-b]pyrazinyl, pyrido[2,3-b]thiazinyl, pyrrolo[3,2-c]pyridinyl and pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidinyl;

wherein each **Q** is optionally substituted with one to three **Y**,

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R₁ is

- C₁₋₁₀ alkyl, C₁₋₉ alkoxy each branched or unbranched and optionally substituted with one to three C₃₋₁₀ cycloalkyl, hydroxy, oxo, phenyl, naphthyl or halogen, morpholinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl,
25 or **R**₁ is
phenyl, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl, bicyclopentanyl, bicyclohexanyl or bicycloheptanyl, each being optionally substituted with one to three C₁₋₃ alkyl, nitrile, hydroxyC₁₋₃alkyl or aryl;

R_2 is

halogen, C_{1-6} branched or unbranched alkyl or C_{1-4} branched or unbranched alkoxy each optionally halogenated;

- 5 R_3 is $J-S(O)_m-NR_7-$ wherein the nitrogen atom is covalently attached to G and wherein J is chosen from a C_{1-6} branched or unbranched alkyl optionally substituted with 1 to 3 halogen atoms, aryl C_{0-6} alkyl, heteroaryl C_{0-6} alkyl and heterocyclyl C_{0-6} alkyl;
and

X is O .

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In another embodiment of the invention there are provided compounds of the formula (II) as described in the embodiment immediately above and wherein:

- 15 G is pyridinyl, phenyl, naphthyl, indanyl, indenyl or C_{3-7} cycloalkyl;
wherein G is optionally substituted by one to three R_1 , R_2 or R_3 ;

wherein each Y is independently chosen from

$L-NR_5R_6$ wherein L is a bond or $-(CH_2)_{1-5}-$;

- 20 hydrogen, oxo, C_{1-5} alkyl branched or unbranched, C_{1-3} acyl, heterocyclyl C_{0-3} alkyl wherein the heterocyclyl is chosen from morpholinyl, piperazinyl, and pyrrolidinyl, heteroaryl C_{0-3} alkyl wherein the heteroaryl is chosen from pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl and oxazolyl, phenyl, naphthyl, benzyl and phenethyl,

- 25 wherein each Y is optionally substituted by one to three hydroxy, oxo, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-3} alkoxy, C_{1-4} acyl, C_{1-5} alkoxycarbonyl or $-NR_5R_6$;

each R_5 or R_6 is independently:

- hydrogen, phenyl, naphthyl, benzyl, phenethyl, C_{3-7} cycloalkyl C_{0-3} alkyl, heterocyclyl C_{0-3} alkyl or heterocyclylcarbonyl wherein the heterocyclyl is chosen from morpholinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl and tetrahydropyranyl, heteroaryl C_{0-3} alkyl or heteroarylcarbonyl
30 wherein the heteroaryl is chosen from pyridinyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl and

pyridazinyl, C₁₋₃ acyl, aroyl or C₁₋₆ branched or unbranched alkyl, each R₅ or R₆ is optionally substituted by C₁₋₅ alkoxy, mono or diC₁₋₃ alkyl amino, mono or diC₁₋₃ alkylsulfonylamino or C₁₋₃ alkylsulfonyl;

5 R₁ is

C₁₋₁₀ alkyl, C₁₋₉ alkoxy each branched or unbranched and optionally substituted with one to three C₃₋₁₀ cycloalkyl, hydroxy, oxo, phenyl, naphthyl, fluoro, bromo or chloro or R₁ is morpholinyl or phenyl;

and

10 R₃ is J-S(O)_m-NR₇- wherein the nitrogen atom is covalently attached to G and wherein J is chosen from a C₁₋₆ branched or unbranched alkyl optionally substituted with 1 to 3 halogen atoms and arylC₀₋₆ alkyl.

15 In yet another embodiment of the invention there are provided compounds of the formula (II) as described in the embodiment immediately above and wherein:

20 G is pyridinyl, phenyl, cyclopropyl or naphthyl each optionally substituted by one to three R₁, R₂ or R₃;

Q is chosen from imidazo[4,5-b]pyridinyl, imidazo[4,5-c]pyridinyl, pyrido[2,3-b]oxazinyl, pyrido[2,3-b]pyrazinyl, pyrido[2,3-b]thiazinyl, pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidinyl, isoquinolinyl, purinyl and pyrrolo[3,2-c]pyridinyl;

25 wherein each Q is optionally substituted with one to three Y,

wherein each Y is independently chosen from

L-NR₅R₆ wherein L is a bond or -(CH₂)₁₋₅,

30 hydrogen, oxo, C₁₋₅ alkyl branched or unbranched, heterocyclylC₀₋₃ alkyl wherein the heterocyclyl is chosen from morpholinyl, piperazinyl, and pyrrolidinyl, pyridinylC₀₋₃ alkyl or benzyl,

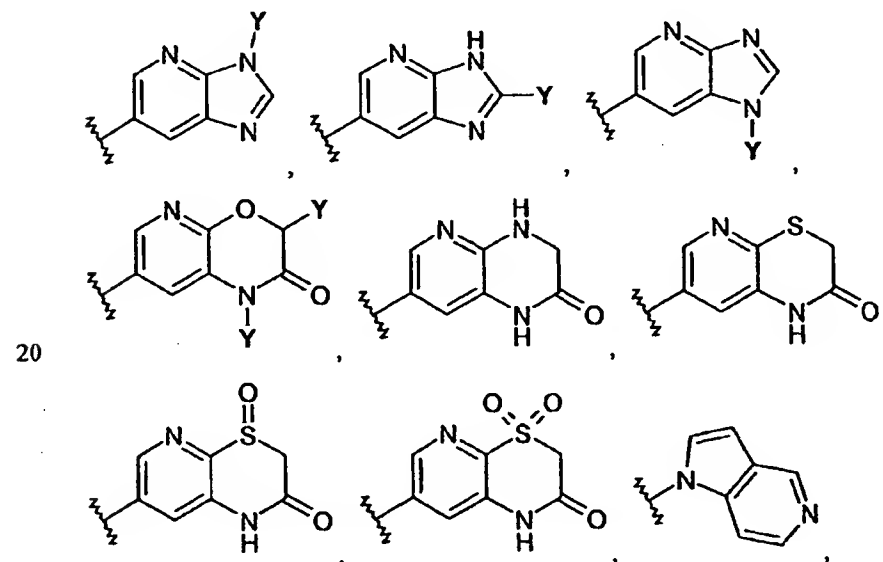
wherein each Y is optionally substituted by one to three hydroxy, oxo, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₃ alkoxy, C₁₋₄ acyl or -NR₅R₆;

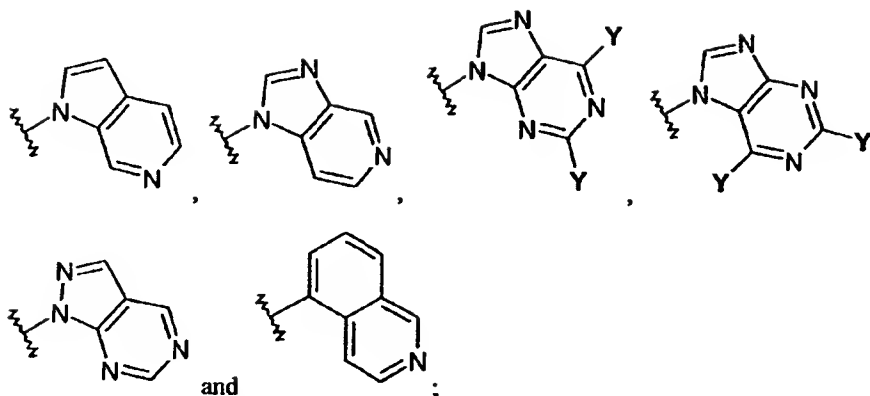
each R₅ or R₆ is independently:

- hydrogen, phenyl, benzyl, C₃₋₆ cycloalkylC₀₋₃ alkyl, heterocyclylC₀₋₃ alkyl or
 5 heterocyclylcarbonyl wherein the heterocyclyl is chosen from morpholinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl and tetrahydropyranyl, pyridinylC₀₋₃ alkyl, pyridinylcarbonyl, C₁₋₃ acyl, benzoyl or C₁₋₆ branched or unbranched alkyl optionally substituted by C₁₋₃ alkoxy, mono or diC₁₋₃ alkyl amino, mono or diC₁₋₃ alkylsulfonylamino or C₁₋₃ alkylsulfonyl;
- 10 R₇ is hydrogen; and
 J is C₁₋₆ branched or unbranched alkyl optionally substituted with 1 to 3 halogen atoms.

- In still another embodiment of the invention there are provided compounds of the
 15 formula (II) as described in the embodiment immediately above and wherein:

Q is chosen from:





R_1 is

- 5 morpholinyl, phenyl, CF_3 , OCF_3 , $-C(CH_3)_3$, $-C(CH_2F)_3$ or $-CH_2C(CH_3)_3$;

R_2 is

chloro, bromo, fluoro, C_{1-4} branched or unbranched alkoxy, CF_3 or OCF_3 ;

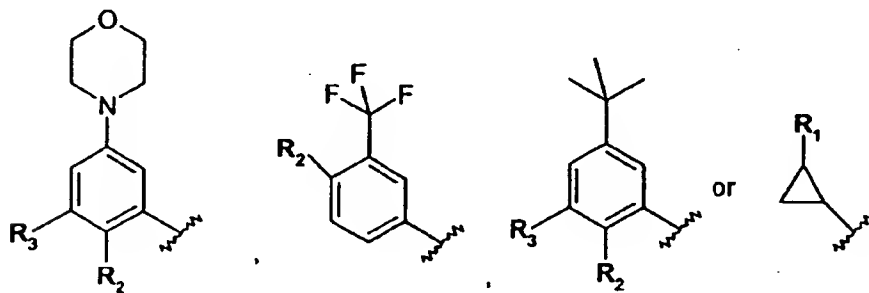
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- 10 J is C_{1-3} alkyl optionally substituted with 1 to 3 halogen atoms.

In yet still another embodiment of the invention there are provided compounds of the formula (II) as described in the embodiment immediately above and wherein:

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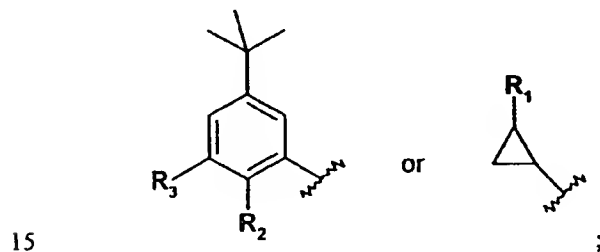
G is:



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- 10 In still another embodiment of the invention there are provided compounds of the formula (II) as described in the embodiment immediately above and wherein:

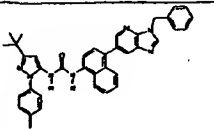
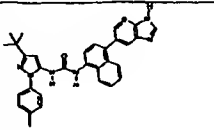
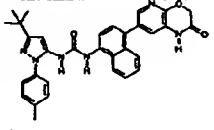
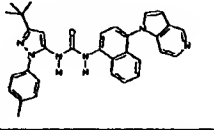
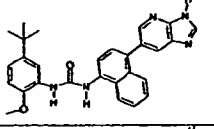
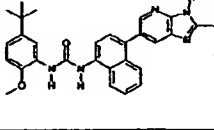
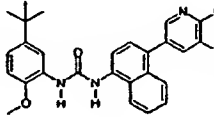
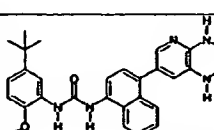
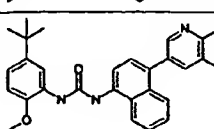
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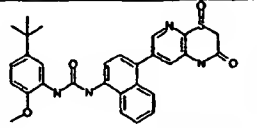
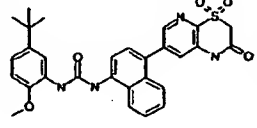
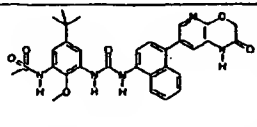
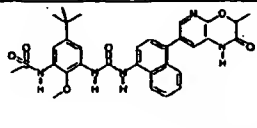
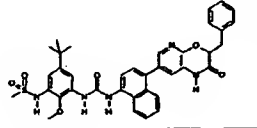
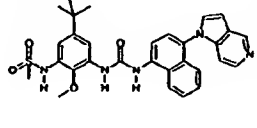
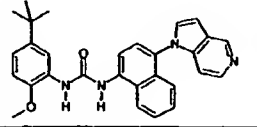
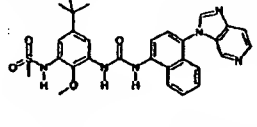
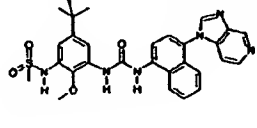


- Y is independently chosen from
 $L-NR_5R_6$ wherein L is a bond or $-(CH_2)_{1-3}$,
 C_{1-5} alkyl branched or unbranched, morpholinyl C_{0-3} alkyl or benzyl; and
 20 each R_5 or R_6 is independently:
 hydrogen, phenyl, benzyl or C_{3-6} cycloalkyl C_{0-3} alkyl.

- Table I contains representative compounds of the invention which have been made by
 25 according to the general methods and examples in the sections below.

TABLE I

	1-[4-(3-Benzyl-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-3-(5-tert-butyl-2-p-tolyl-2H-pyrazol-3-yl)-urea;
	1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-p-tolyl-2H-pyrazol-3-yl)-3-[4-(3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
	1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-p-tolyl-2H-pyrazol-3-yl)-3-[4-(2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrido[2,3-b][1,4]oxazin-7-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
	1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-p-tolyl-2H-pyrazol-3-yl)-3-[4-(pyrrolo[3,2-c]pyridin-1-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
	1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
	1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(2-morpholin-4-ylmethyl-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
	1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrido[2,3-b][1,4]oxazin-7-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
	1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(2-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[2,3-b]pyrazin-7-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
	1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrido[2,3-b][1,4]thiazin-7-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;

	1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(2,4-dioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-4-lambda-4-pyrido[2,3-b][1,4]thiazin-7-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
	1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(2,4,4-trioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-4-lambda-6-pyrido[2,3-b][1,4]thiazin-7-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
	N-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-3-{3-[4-(2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrido[2,3-b][1,4]oxazin-7-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-ureido}-phenyl)-methanesulfonamide;
	N-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-3-{3-[4-(3-methyl-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrido[2,3-b][1,4]oxazin-7-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-ureido}-phenyl)-methanesulfonamide;
	N-(3-{3-[4-(3-Benzyl-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrido[2,3-b][1,4]oxazin-7-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-ureido}-5-tert-butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-methanesulfonamide;
	N-{5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-3-[3-(4-pyrrolo[3,2-c]pyridin-1-yl-naphthalen-1-yl)-ureido]-phenyl}-methanesulfonamide;
	1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-(4-pyrrolo[3,2-c]pyridin-1-yl-naphthalen-1-yl)-urea;
	N-{5-tert-Butyl-3-[3-(4-imidazo[4,5-c]pyridin-3-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-ureido}-2-methoxy-phenyl)-methanesulfonamide;
	N-{5-tert-Butyl-3-[3-(4-imidazo[4,5-c]pyridin-1-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-ureido}-2-methoxy-phenyl)-methanesulfonamide and

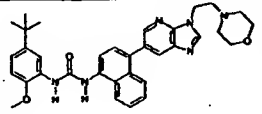
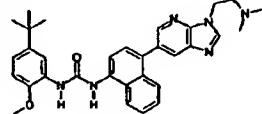
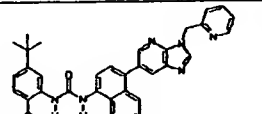
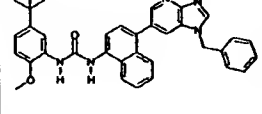
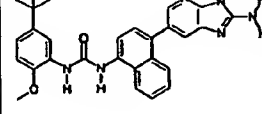
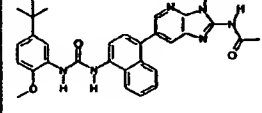
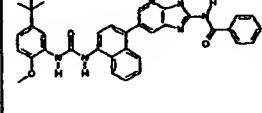
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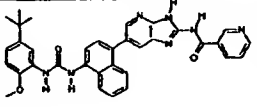
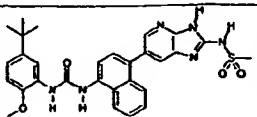
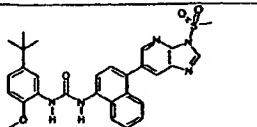
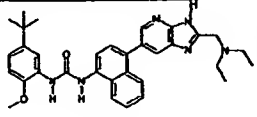
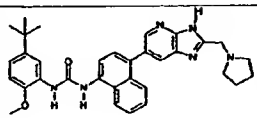
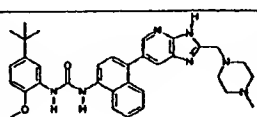
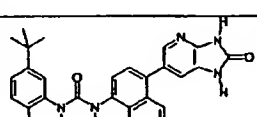
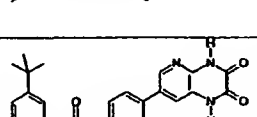
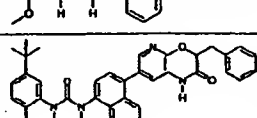
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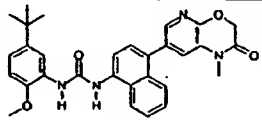
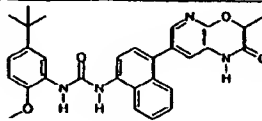
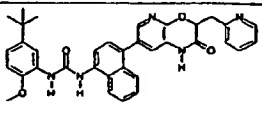
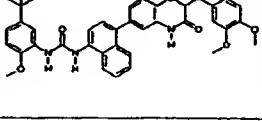
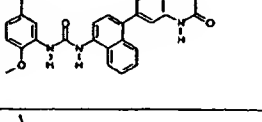
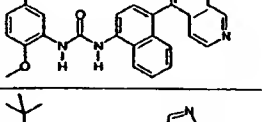
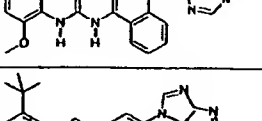
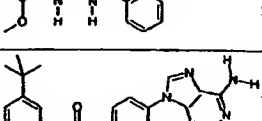
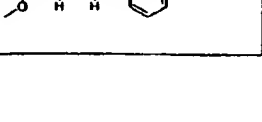
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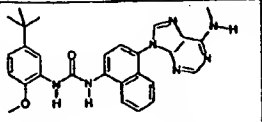
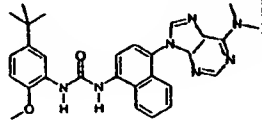
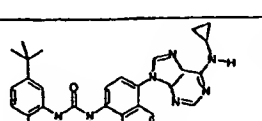
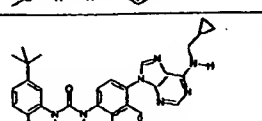
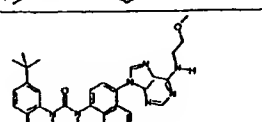
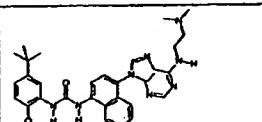
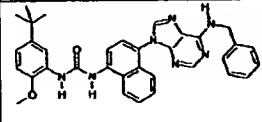
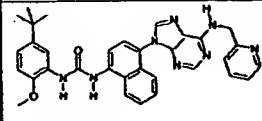
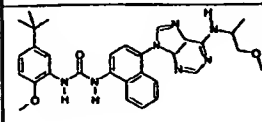
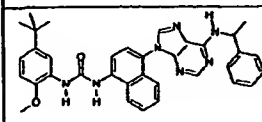
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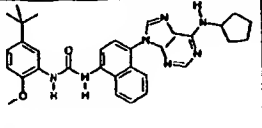
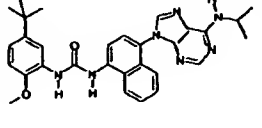
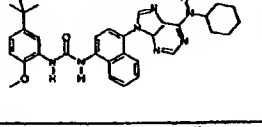
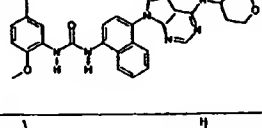
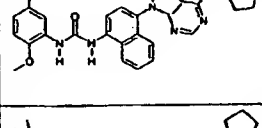
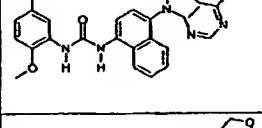
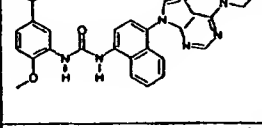
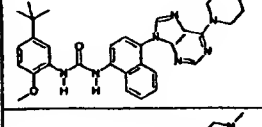
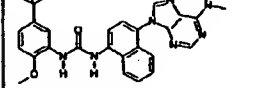
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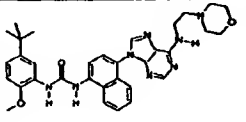
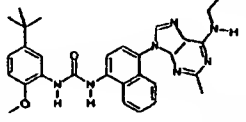
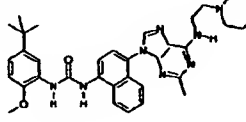
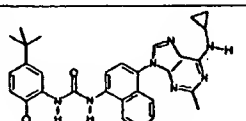
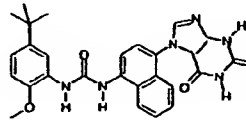
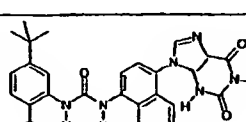
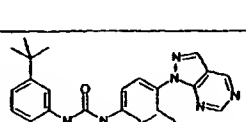
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	1-[4-(1-Benzyl-1H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-3-(5-tert-butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-urea;
	1-[4-(2-Amino-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-3-(5-tert-butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-urea;
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	N-(6-{4-[3-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-ureido]-naphthalen-1-yl}-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-2-yl)-benzamide;

	N-(6-{4-[3-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-ureido]-naphthalen-1-yl}-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-2-yl)-nicotinamide;
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	1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(2-diethylaminomethyl-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
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	1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-[3-(2-dimethylamino-ethyl)-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrido[2,3-b][1,4]oxazin-7-yl]-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
	1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-(4-isoquinolin-5-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl)-urea;
	1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-(4-purin-9-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl)-urea;
	1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-(4-purin-7-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl)-urea;
	1-[4-(6-Amino-purin-9-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-3-(5-tert-butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-urea;

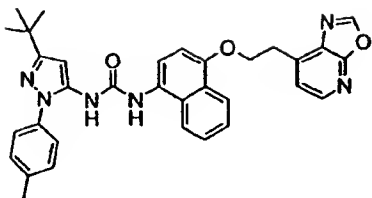
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	1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(6-cyclopropylamino-purin-9-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
	1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(6-(cyclopropylmethyl-amino)-purin-9-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
	1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(6-(2-methoxy-ethylamino)-purin-9-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
	1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(6-(2-dimethylamino-ethylamino)-purin-9-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
	1-[4-(6-Benzylamino-purin-9-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-3-(5-tert-butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-urea;
	1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(6-[(pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-amino]-purin-9-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
	1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(6-(2-methoxy-1-methyl-ethylamino)-purin-9-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
	1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(6-(1-phenyl-ethylamino)-purin-9-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;

	1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(6-cyclopentylamino-purin-9-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
	1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(6-isopropylamino-purin-9-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
	1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(6-cyclohexylamino-purin-9-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
	1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(6-(tetrahydro-pyran-4-ylamino)-purin-9-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
	1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(6-(tetrahydro-furan-3-ylamino)-purin-9-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
	1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(6-pyrrolidin-1-yl-purin-9-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
	1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(6-morpholin-4-yl-purin-9-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
	1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(6-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-purin-9-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
	1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(6-((2-dimethylamino-ethyl)-methyl-amino)-purin-9-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;

	1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-{4-[6-(2-morpholin-4-yl-ethylamino)-purin-9-yl]-naphthalen-1-yl}-urea;
	1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(6-ethylamino-2-methyl-purin-9-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
	1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-{4-[2-methyl-6-(2-morpholin-4-yl-ethylamino)-purin-9-yl]-naphthalen-1-yl}-urea;
	1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(6-cyclopropylamino-2-methyl-purin-9-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
	1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(2,6-dioxo-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-purin-7-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
	1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(2,6-dioxo-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-purin-9-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
	1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-(4-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-1-yl-naphthalen-1-yl)-urea and

the pharmaceutically acceptable derivatives thereof.

In another distinct embodiment, there is also provided the following compound possessing anticytokine activity:



In all the compounds disclosed hereinabove in this application, in the event the
5 nomenclature is in conflict with the structure, it shall be understood that the compound is defined by the structure.

Any compounds of this invention containing one or more asymmetric carbon atoms may
occur as racemates and racemic mixtures, single enantiomers, diastereomeric mixtures
10 and individual diastereomers. All such isomeric forms of these compounds are expressly included in the present invention. Each stereogenic carbon may be in the R or S configuration, or a combination of configurations.

Some of the compounds of formulas (I) & (II) can exist in more than one tautomeric
15 form. The invention includes all such tautomers.

All terms as used herein in this specification, unless otherwise stated, shall be understood
in their ordinary meaning as known in the art. For example, "C₁₋₄alkoxy" is a C₁₋₄alkyl
with a terminal oxygen, such as methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, and butoxy. All alkyl, alkenyl
20 and alkynyl groups shall be understood as being C₁₋₁₀ branched or unbranched where structurally possible and unless otherwise specified. Other more specific definitions are as follows:

The term "aroyl" as used in the present specification shall be understood to mean
25 "benzoyl" or "naphthoyl".

The term "carbocycle" shall be understood to mean an aliphatic hydrocarbon radical

- containing from three to twelve carbon atoms. Carbocycles include hydrocarbon rings containing from three to ten carbon atoms. These carbocycles may be either aromatic or non-aromatic ring systems. The non-aromatic ring systems may be mono- or polyunsaturated. Preferred carbocycles unless otherwise specified include but are not
- 5 limited to cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclopentenyl, cyclohexyl, cyclohexenyl, cycloheptanyl, cycloheptenyl, phenyl, indanyl, indenyl, benzocyclobutanyl, dihydronaphthyl, tetrahydronaphthyl, naphthyl, decahydronaphthyl, benzocycloheptanyl and benzocycloheptenyl.
- 10 The term "heterocycle" refers to a stable nonaromatic 4-8 membered (but preferably, 5 or 6 membered) monocyclic or nonaromatic 8-11 membered bicyclic heterocycle radical which may be either saturated or unsaturated. Each heterocycle consists of carbon atoms and one or more, preferably from 1 to 4 heteroatoms chosen from nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur. The heterocycle may be attached by any atom of the cycle, which results in the
- 15 creation of a stable structure. Preferred heterocycles include but are not limited to, for example pyrrolidinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydrothiophenyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl, morpholinyl, tetrahydropyranyl, dioxanyl, oxazolinyl, thiazolinyl, imidazolinyl, tetrahydropyridinyl, homopiperidinyl, pyrrolinyl, tetrahydropyrimidinyl, decahydroquinolinyl, decahydroisoquinolinyl, thiomorpholinyl, thiazolidinyl.
- 20 The term "heteroaryl" shall be understood to mean an aromatic 5-8 membered monocyclic or 8-11 membered bicyclic ring containing 1-4 heteroatoms chosen from N,O and S. Included are the partially or fully saturated derivatives thereof. Such heteroaryls unless otherwise specified include: pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl,
- 25 pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, thienyl, furyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, triazolyl, tetrazolyl, isothiazolyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, indolyl, benzimidazolyl, benzofuranyl, benzoxazolyl, benzisoxazolyl, benzopyrazolyl, benzothiofuranyl, quinoxalinyl, quinoxalinyl and indazolyl.
- 30 The term "heteroatom" as used herein shall be understood to mean atoms other than carbon such as O, N, S and P.

In all alkyl groups or carbon chains where one or more carbon atoms are optionally replaced by heteroatoms: O, S or N, it shall be understood that if N is not substituted then it is NH, it shall also be understood that the heteroatoms may replace either terminal
5 carbon atoms or internal carbon atoms within a branched or unbranched carbon chain. Such groups can be substituted as herein above described by oxo to result in definitions such as but not limited to: acyl, alkoxycarbonyl, alkylthiosulfone, alkylthiosulfonyl, amido etc.

10 The term "aryl" as used herein unless otherwise specified shall be understood to mean aromatic carbocycle or heteroaryl as defined herein.

Terms which are analogs of the above cyclic moieties such as aryloxy, heterocycloxy or heteroaryl amine shall be understood to mean an aryl, heteroaryl, heterocycle as defined
15 above attached to it's respective group.

As used herein, "nitrogen" and "sulfur" include any oxidized form of nitrogen and sulfur and the quaternized form of any basic nitrogen. For example, if Y is -S-C₁₋₆ alkyl, unless otherwise specified, this shall be understood to include -S(O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl and -S(O)₂-C₁₋₆
20 alkyl.

The term "halogen" as used in the present specification shall be understood to mean bromine, chlorine, fluorine or iodine.

25 The compounds of the invention are only those which are contemplated to be 'chemically stable' as will be appreciated by those skilled in the art. For example, a compound which would have a 'dangling valency', or a 'carbanion' are not compounds contemplated by the invention.

30 The invention includes pharmaceutically acceptable derivatives of compounds of formulas (I) & (II). A "pharmaceutically acceptable derivative" refers to any

pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester of a compound of this invention, or any other compound which, upon administration to a patient, is capable of providing (directly or indirectly) a compound of this invention, a pharmacologically active metabolite or pharmacologically active residue thereof. A pharmacologically active metabolite shall be understood to mean any compound of the formula(I) capable of being metabolized enzymatically or chemically. This includes, for example, hydroxylated or oxidized derivative compounds of the formulas (I)/(II).

Pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the compounds of this invention include those derived from pharmaceutically acceptable inorganic and organic acids and bases. Examples of suitable acids include hydrochloric, hydrobromic, sulfuric, nitric, perchloric, fumaric, maleic, phosphoric, glycolic, lactic, salicylic, succinic, toluene-p-sulfuric, tartaric, acetic, citric, methanesulfonic, formic, benzoic, malonic, naphthalene-2-sulfuric and benzenesulfonic acids. Other acids, such as oxalic acid, while not themselves pharmaceutically acceptable, may be employed in the preparation of salts useful as intermediates in obtaining the compounds of this invention and their pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts. Salts derived from appropriate bases include alkali metal (e.g., sodium), alkaline earth metal (e.g., magnesium), ammonium and N-(C₁-C₄ alkyl)₄⁺ salts.

In addition, the compounds of this invention include prodrugs of compounds of the formulas (I) & (II). Prodrugs include those compounds that, upon simple chemical transformation, are modified to produce compounds of the invention. Simple chemical transformations include hydrolysis, oxidation and reduction. Specifically, when a prodrug of this invention is administered to a patient, the prodrug may be transformed into a compound of formulas (I) & (II), thereby imparting the desired pharmacological effect.

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METHODS OF USE

In accordance with the invention, there are provided methods of using the compounds of the formulas (I) & (II). The compounds of the invention effectively block inflammatory cytokine production from cells. The inhibition of cytokine production is an attractive means for preventing and treating a variety of cytokine mediated diseases or conditions associated with excess cytokine production, *e.g.*, diseases and pathological conditions involving inflammation. Thus, the compounds are useful for the treatment of diseases and conditions as described in the Background section, including the following conditions and diseases:

osteoarthritis, atherosclerosis, contact dermatitis, bone resorption diseases, reperfusion injury, asthma, multiple sclerosis, Guillain-Barre syndrome, Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, psoriasis, graft versus host disease, systemic lupus erythematosus and insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus, rheumatoid arthritis, toxic shock syndrome, Alzheimer's disease, toxic shock syndrome, diabetes, inflammatory bowel diseases, acute and chronic pain as well as symptoms of inflammation and cardiovascular disease, stroke, myocardial infarction, alone or following thrombolytic therapy, thermal injury, adult respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS), multiple organ injury secondary to trauma, acute glomerulonephritis, dermatoses with acute inflammatory components, acute purulent meningitis or other central nervous system disorders, syndromes associated with hemodialysis, leukopherisis, granulocyte transfusion associated syndromes, and necrotizing enterocolitis, complications including restenosis following percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty, traumatic arthritis, sepsis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and congestive heart failure.

In addition, the compounds of the invention being inhibitors of cytokine production are expected to block inducible cyclooxygenase (COX-2) expression. COX-2 expression has been shown to be increased by cytokines and it is believed to be the isoform of cyclooxygenase responsible for inflammation (M.K. O'Banion *et al.*, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.U.S.A.*, 1992, 89, 4888.) Accordingly, the present novel compounds would be expected to exhibit efficacy against those disorders currently treated with COX inhibitors such as the familiar NSAIDs. These disorders include acute and chronic pain as well as symptoms of inflammation and cardiovascular disease.

As discussed in the Background of the Invention, IL-8 plays a role in the influx of neutrophils into sites of inflammation or injury. Therefore, in a yet further aspect of the invention, the compounds of the invention may be useful in the treatment of diseases
5 mediated predominantly by neutrophils such as stroke and myocardial infarction, alone or following thrombolytic therapy, thermal injury, adult respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS), multiple organ injury secondary to trauma, acute glomerulonephritis, dermatoses with acute inflammatory components, acute purulent meningitis or other
10 central nervous system disorders, hemodialysis, leukopheresis, granulocyte transfusion associated syndromes, and necrotizing enterocolitis.

For therapeutic use, the compounds of the invention may be administered in any conventional dosage form in any conventional manner. Routes of administration include, but are not limited to, intravenously, intramuscularly, subcutaneously, intrasynovially, by
15 infusion, sublingually, transdermally, orally, topically or by inhalation. The preferred modes of administration are oral and intravenous.

The compounds of this invention may be administered alone or in combination with adjuvants that enhance stability of the inhibitors, facilitate administration of pharmaceutical
20 compositions containing them in certain embodiments, provide increased dissolution or dispersion, increase inhibitory activity, provide adjunct therapy, and the like, including other active ingredients. Advantageously, such combination therapies utilize lower dosages of the conventional therapeutics, thus avoiding possible toxicity and adverse side effects incurred when those agents are used as monotherapies. Compounds of the
25 invention may be physically combined with the conventional therapeutics or other adjuvants into a single pharmaceutical composition. Advantageously, the compounds may then be administered together in a single dosage form. In some embodiments, the pharmaceutical compositions comprising such combinations of compounds contain at least about 5%, but more preferably at least about 20%, of a compound of formulas (I) &
30 (II) (w/w) or a combination thereof. The optimum percentage (w/w) of a compound of the invention may vary and is within the purview of those skilled in the art.

Alternatively, the compounds may be administered separately (either serially or in parallel). Separate dosing allows for greater flexibility in the dosing regime.

As mentioned above, dosage forms of the compounds of this invention include
5 pharmaceutically acceptable carriers and adjuvants known to those of ordinary skill in the art. These carriers and adjuvants include, for example, ion exchangers, alumina, aluminum stearate, lecithin, serum proteins, buffer substances, water, salts or electrolytes and cellulose-based substances. Preferred dosage forms include, tablet, capsule, caplet, liquid, solution, suspension, emulsion, lozenges, syrup, reconstitutable powder, granule,
10 suppository and transdermal patch. Methods for preparing such dosage forms are known. Reference in this regard may be made to H.C. Ansel and N.G. Popovich, *Pharmaceutical Dosage Forms and Drug Delivery Systems*, 5th ed., Lea and Febiger (1990), Cappola *et al.* US application ser. no. 09/902,822 and US provisional application ser. no. 60/313,527. Dosage levels and requirements are well-recognized in the art and may be
15 selected by those of ordinary skill in the art from available methods and techniques suitable for a particular patient. In some embodiments, dosage levels range from about 1-1000 mg/dose for a 70 kg patient. Although one dose per day may be sufficient, up to 5 doses per day may be given. Reference in this regard may also be made to US provisional application no. 60/339,249. For oral doses, up to 2000 mg/day may be required. As the
20 skilled artisan will appreciate, lower or higher doses may be required depending on particular factors. For instance, specific dosage and treatment regimens will depend on factors such as the patient's general health profile, the severity and course of the patient's disorder or disposition thereto, and the judgment of the treating physician.

In order that this invention be more fully understood, the following examples are set
25 forth. These examples are for the purpose of illustrating preferred embodiments of this invention, and are not to be construed as limiting the scope of the invention in any way.

The examples which follow are illustrative and, as recognized by one skilled in the art, particular reagents or conditions could be modified as needed for individual compounds
30 without undue experimentation. Starting materials used in the scheme below are either

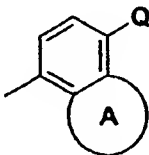
commercially available or easily prepared from commercially available materials by those skilled in the art.

GENERAL SYNTHETIC METHODS

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The invention additionally provides for methods of making the compounds of the formulas (I) & (II). The compounds of the invention may be prepared by the general methods and examples presented below, and methods known to those of ordinary skill in the art. Further reference in this regard may be made to US Pat. no. 6,297,381, US application nos. 09/505,582, 09/484,638, 09/735,160, 09/902,085, 09/698,442, 10 09/834,797, 09/611,109, US provisional application nos. 60/206,327, 60/216,283, 60/295,909, 60/293,600, 60/291,425, 60/283,642 and 60/268,841. Each of the aforementioned are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

- 15 In all schemes "G" in the formulas shown below shall have the meaning of "G" in the formulas (I) and (II) of the invention described hereinabove. "G'" (G prime) shall have the meaning of

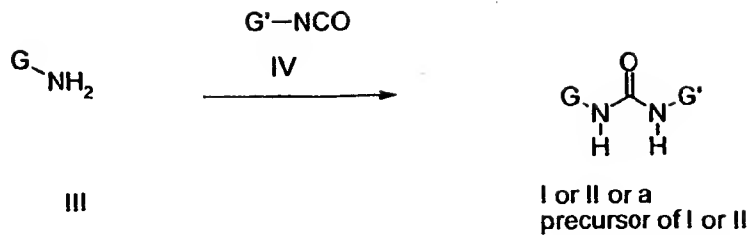


- 20 in the formulas (I) and (II) or a precursor of that moiety.

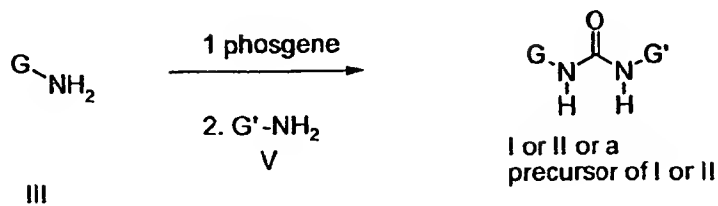
The compounds of the invention may be prepared by Method A, B, C or D as illustrated in Scheme I, preferably Method C.

- 25 Scheme I

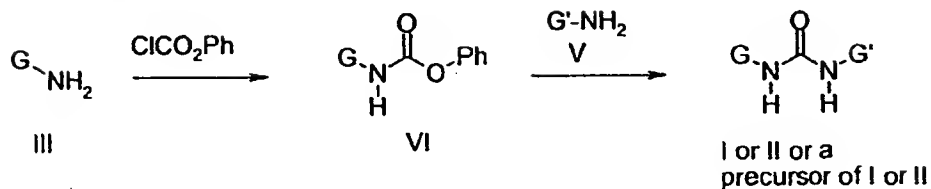
Method A



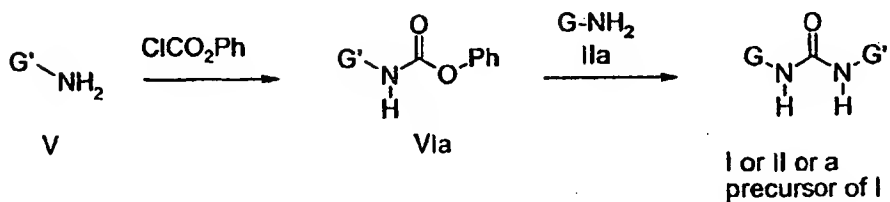
Method B



Method C



Method D



In Method A, a mixture of an arylamine of formula III and an arylisocyanate of formula
 5 IV is dissolved in a non-protic, anhydrous solvent such as THF, ether, toluene, dioxane or

ethyl acetate. The preferred solvent is THF. The mixture is stirred at between 0 - 45° C, preferably at 25° C, for 2-24 h, and the volatiles are removed. Purification of the residue by recrystallization from an appropriate solvent such as ethyl acetate/hexanes, ethyl acetate/MeOH, THF/petroleum ether, EtOH/water or by silica gel chromatography, using
5 for example, hexanes and ethyl acetate as eluents, provides the product of formula I or II or precursors thereof.

In Method B, an arylamine of formula III is dissolved in a halogenated solvent, such as methylene chloride, chloroform or dichloroethane. The preferred solvent is methylene
10 chloride. The mixture is diluted with aqueous alkali, such as sodium bicarbonate or potassium carbonate, cooled in an ice bath and phosgene is added. The mixture is vigorously stirred for 5 - 30 min, with 10 min being preferable. The organic layer is dried, with agents such as MgSO₄ or Na₂SO₄, and the volatiles removed to provide the corresponding isocyanate. The isocyanate and arylamine IV are mixed in a non-protic,
15 anhydrous solvent such as THF, ether, toluene, dioxane, methylene chloride or ethyl acetate. The preferred solvent is THF. The mixture is stirred at between 0 - 45° C, preferably at 25° C, for 2 - 24 h, and the volatiles are removed. Purification of the residue by recrystallization or by silica gel chromatography, as above, provides the product of formula I or II or precursors thereof.

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The required isocyanate may also be prepared from the carboxylic acid G-CO₂H by reaction with a chloroformate, such as ethyl chloroformate, in the presence of a suitable base, such as triethylamine, in a suitable solvent, such as THF at about 0 °C. The resulting mixed anhydride is treated with an aqueous solution of sodium azide. Heating a
25 solution of the resulting acyl azide in a suitable solvent, such as toluene, at about reflux, results in a Curtius rearrangement, providing the isocyanate G-N=C=O *in situ*.

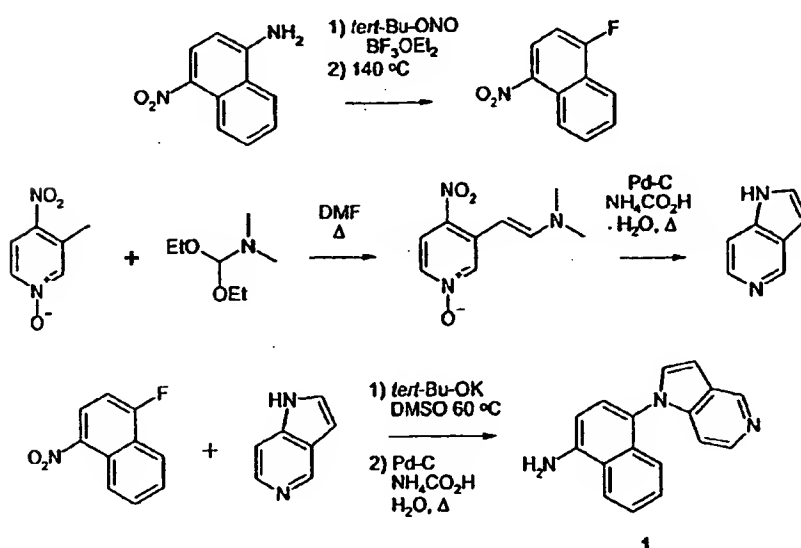
In Method C, an arylamine of formula III is dissolved in a suitable solvent such as a halogenated solvent which includes methylene chloride, chloroform or dichloroethane. The preferred solvent is methylene chloride. A suitable base such as triethylamine may be added, followed by an alkyl or aryl chloroformate, such as *t*-butyl chloroformate or phenyl chloroformate (shown). The mixture is stirred at between 0 - 85°C, preferably at reflux temperature, for 2 - 24 h, and the volatiles are removed providing carbamate VI. The carbamate and arylamine V are mixed in a non-protic, anhydrous solvent such as DMSO, THF, ether, toluene, dioxane, methylene chloride or ethyl acetate. The mixture is stirred at between 0 - 110°C, preferably at between about 50 °C and reflux temperature, for 2 - 24 h, and the volatiles are removed. Purification of the residue as above provides the product of formula I or II or precursors thereof. This process can also be performed in the reverse sense as illustrated by Method D.

Arylamine intermediates of formula III are either commercially available or can be made by methods known to those skilled in the art. Further reference in this regard may be made to the U.S. applications cited in the first paragraph of this section. Methods by which intermediates IV and V may be prepared are also known to those skilled in the art. Some of these methods are exemplified below.

SYNTHETIC EXAMPLES

Example 1: Synthesis of 1-(4-aminonaphthalen-1-yl)pyrrolo[3,2-c]pyridine

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In a dry round-bottom flask under inert atmosphere and equipped with a magnetic stirrer bar was added boron trifluoride etherate (2.65 mL, 20.93 mmol, 1.5 equiv.). To this reagent cooled to 0°C a solution on 4-nitro-1-naphthylamine (2.626 g, 13.95 mmol, 1 equiv.) in 39 mL anhydrous DME was slowly added *via* syringe. 15 min after the addition was complete, a solution of *tert*-butyl nitrite (2.00 mL, 16.74 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in 15 mL anhydrous DME was added dropwise *via* syringe. The mixture was allowed to reach room temperature and stir 1 h. The reaction was then cooled to 0°C without stirring. The precipitated green/gold diazonium tetrafluoroborate salt was collected by filtration (3.858 g, 13.44 mmol, 96%).

The nitronaphthalene diazonium tetrafluoroborate salt from above (3.448 g, 12.0 mmol, 1 equiv.) was suspended in 100 mL xylenes, heated to reflux for 1 h, then allowed to cool back to room temperature. Water was then added and the product extracted twice with

ether. The combined extracts were dried (MgSO_4), filtered, and the solvents were removed *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on SiO_2 using 10% EtOAc in hexanes as eluent, providing 1.95 g of 4-fluoro-1-nitronaphthalene (10.20 mmol, 85% yield).

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3-Methyl-4-nitro-pyridine-N-oxide (5.34 g, 34.7 mmol, 1 equiv.) and N,N-dimethylformamide diethyl acetal (10.5 mL, 61.4 mmol, 1.8 equiv.) were combined in 50 mL anhydrous DMF and heated to 120 °C for 3 h. The reaction was allowed to cool back to room temperature and the DMF solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was
10 treated with ~80 mL toluene, which was then removed *in vacuo* as well. Finally the residue was mixed with benzene and filtered. The desired vinyl amine was obtained as a dark purple solid (6.74 g, 32.2 mmol, 93%), which was used as is in the next step.

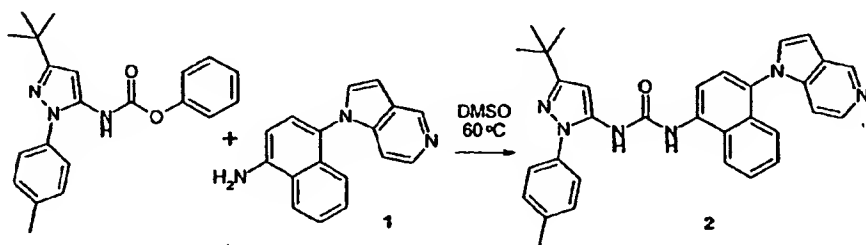
The vinyl amine from above (3.37 g, 16.1 mmol, 1 equiv.) and 1.75 mL of water were
15 mixed in 50 mL EtOH. Ammonium formate (4.56 g, 72.5 mmol) and 10% palladium-on-carbon (600 mg) were added and the mixture was heated to a gentle reflux for 1 h. TLC and MS (ES+) revealed no starting material but showed the presence of two major components, the desired 5-aza-indole and its N-oxide. The reaction was left stirring for a further 2 h after more ammonium formate and more palladium catalyst were added.
20 Finally the reaction was cooled to room temperature, filtered and solvents removed *in vacuo*. 5% NaOH aqueous solution was added and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organics were dried (MgSO_4), filtered, and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*, providing 0.555 g of desired 5-aza-indole (4.70 mmol, 29% yield).

25 The 5-aza-indole from above (425 mg, 3.60 mmol, 1 equiv.) was added to potassium tert-butoxide (404 mg, 3.60 mmol, 1 equiv.) in 7.0 mL anhydrous DMSO at room temperature. When all solids had completely dissolved (brown color present), 4-fluoro-1-nitro-naphthalene from above (688 mg, 3.60 mmol, 1 equiv.) was added and the mixture was heated to 60 °C for 15 min. The reaction was allowed to cool, quenched with
30 saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 solution and extracted repeatedly with EtOAc. The combined extracts were washed twice with water and once with brine, then dried (MgSO_4), filtered

and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The desired product was purified by a short column of SiO₂, using 3% MeOH in dichloromethane as eluent providing 650 mg of the 4-indolo-1-nitronaphthalene derivative (2.25 mmol, 62%).

- 5 The 4-indolo-1-nitronaphthalene from above (167 mg, 0.58 mmol, 1 equiv.) was dissolved in 12 mL EtOH and 12 mL EtOAc. Ammonium formate (218 mg, 3.46 mmol, 6 equiv.) and 10% palladium-on-carbon (60 mg) were then added and the mixture was gently refluxed for 20 min. The reaction was allowed to cool, filtered, the catalyst washed with EtOAc and solvents removed *in vacuo* providing a light tan foam (206 mg).
- 10 This was taken up in dichloromethane and filtered through 0.45 μ m membrane to remove left over traces of ammonium formate. Concentration of the filtrate gave 142 mg (0.55 mmol, 94%) of the title compound.

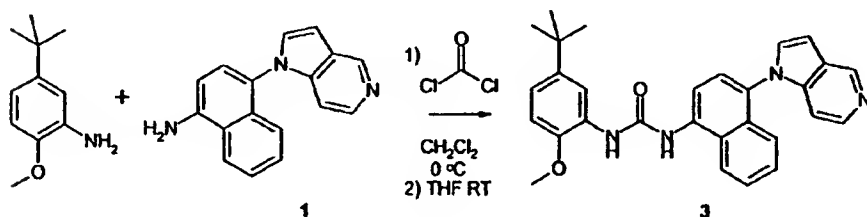
- 15 **Example 2: Synthesis of 1-(5-*tert*-butyl-2-*p*-tolyl-2*H*-pyrazol-3-yl)-3-(4-pyrrolo[3,2-*c*]pyridin-1-yl-naphthalen-1-yl)-*n*-rea**



- (5-*tert*-Butyl-2-*p*-tolyl-2*H*-pyrazol-3-yl)-carbamic acid phenyl ester (144 mg, 0.411 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) and 1-(4-aminonaphthalen-1-yl)pyrrolo[3,2-*c*]pyridine (Example 1) (97 mg, 0.374 mmol, 1 equiv.) were combined in 2 mL anhydrous DMSO. The mixture was stirred under inert atmosphere for 1.5 h, then heated to 60 °C for 0.5 h. The reaction was allowed to cool, quenched with 5% aqueous NaOH and extracted with EtOAc three times. The combined organic extracts were washed with water, then brine.
- 25 They were then dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and the solvents were removed *in vacuo*. The

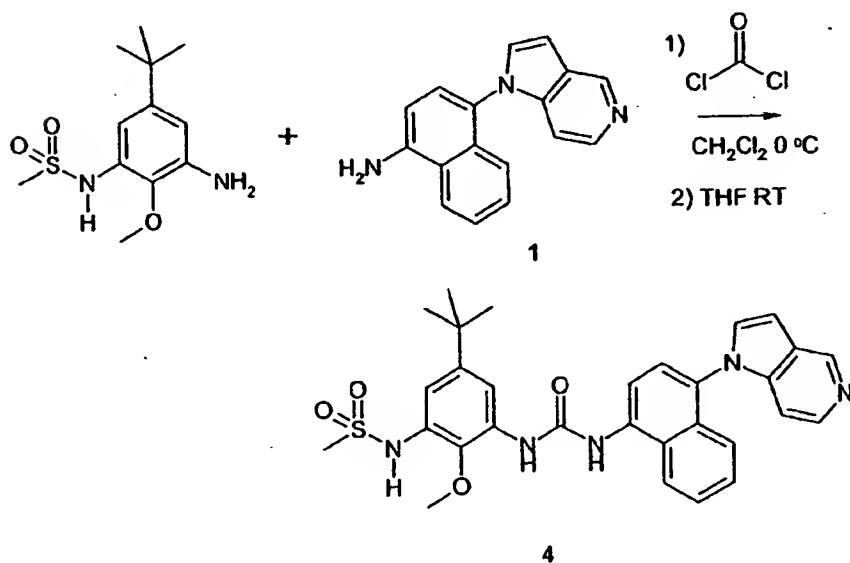
residue was purified by column chromatography using 3-4% MeOH in dichloromethane providing 161 mg title compound (0.313 mmol, 84%) as a glassy solid.

**Example 3: Synthesis of 1-(5-*tert*-butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-(4-pyrrolo[3,2-
c]pyridin-1-yl-naphthalen-1-yl)-urea**



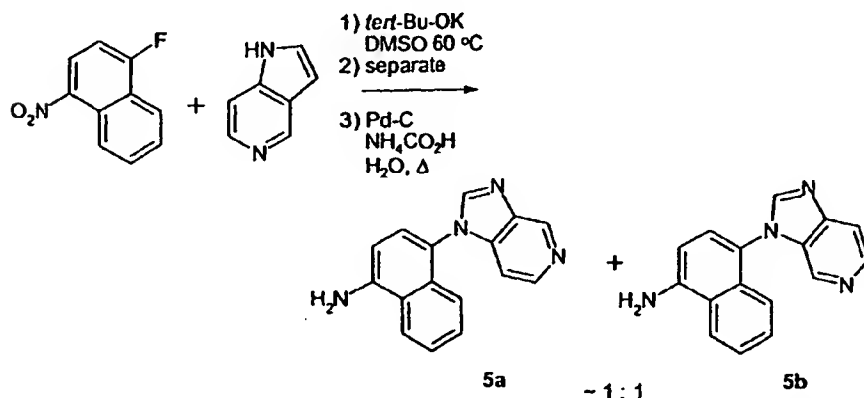
4-*tert*-Butyl-*o*-anisidine (54 mg, 0.301 mmol, 1 equiv.) was dissolved in 15 mL
dichloromethane and 15 mL of saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution was added. The
biphasic mixture was cooled to 0 °C and phosgene (~2 M solution in toluene, 0.75 mL)
was added to the organic layer *via* syringe in one portion, without stirring. The mixture
was then stirred vigorously for 10 min, then the layers were separated. The aqueous layer
was extracted once with dichloromethane and the combined organics were dried
(Na₂SO₄), filtered and most of the dichloromethane was removed *in vacuo*, leaving the
toluene. To this isocyanate residue was then added 1-(4-aminonaphthalen-1-
yl)pyrrolo[3,2-*c*]pyridine(Example 1) (77 mg, 0.297 mmol, 1 equiv.) dissolved in 5 mL
anhydrous THF. The mixture was left to stir at room temperature for 2 h, then the
solvents were removed *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography on
SiO₂ using dichloromethane / MeOH eluent mixtures. The isolated enriched fraction was
further purified by reverse-phase preparative HPLC to provide 20 mg of the title
compound as a white foam.

Example 4: Synthesis of *N*-{5-*tert*-butyl-2-methoxy-3-[3-(4-pyrrolo[3,2-*c*]pyridin-1-yl-naphthalen-1-yl)-ureido]-phenyl}-methanesulfonamide



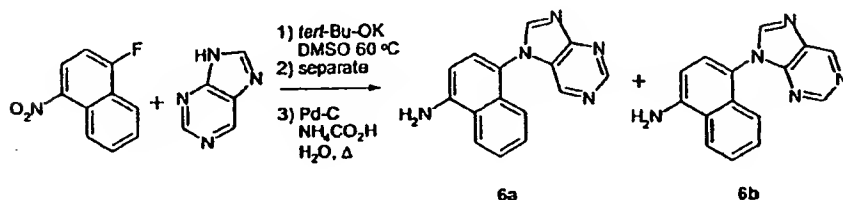
- 5 *N*-(3-Amino-5-*tert*-butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-methanesulfonamide (75 mg, 0.266 mmol, 1 equiv.) was dissolved in 20 mL dichloromethane and 20 mL of saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution was added. The biphasic mixture was cooled to 0 °C and phosgene (~2 M solution in toluene, 0.44 mL) was added to the organic layer *via* syringe in one portion without stirring. The mixture was then stirred vigorously for 10 min, then the layers were
- 10 separated. The aqueous layer was extracted once with dichloromethane and the combined organics were dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and most of the dichloromethane was removed *in vacuo*, leaving the toluene. To this isocyanate residue was then added 1-(4-aminonaphthalen-1-yl)pyrrolo[3,2-*c*]pyridine (Example 1) (46 mg, 0.177 mmol, 1 equiv.) dissolved in 5 mL anhydrous THF. The mixture was left to stir at room temperature
- 15 overnight, then the solvents were removed *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography on SiO₂ using dichloromethane / MeOH eluent mixtures. The title compound (34 mg) was isolated as a pink foam.

Example 5: Synthesis of 1-(4-aminonaphthalen-1-yl)-1H-imidazo[4,5-c]pyridine (5a) and 1-(4-aminonaphthalen-1-yl)-1H-imidazo[5,4-c]pyridine (5b)



- 5 5-Aza-benzimidazole (312 mg, 2.62 mmol, 1 equiv.) in 5 mL anhydrous DMSO was treated with potassium *tert*-butoxide (294 mg, 2.62 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) at room temperature. When the mixture was completely homogeneous, 4-fluoro-1-nitronaphthalene (500 mg, 2.62 mmol, 1 equiv.) was added in one portion and the mixture was heated to 60 °C for 0.5 h. The reaction was allowed to cool, then quenched with dilute
- 10 aqueous NaHCO₃ solution. The product was extracted with a mixture of EtOAc, THF and acetone. The organic extracts were washed with water and brine, then dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and the solvents removed *in vacuo*. ¹H NMR revealed a 1:1 ratio of regioisomers. The products were purified by column chromatography on SiO₂ using EtOAc / MeOH eluent mixtures. 1-(4-Nitro-naphthalen-1-yl)-1H-imidazo[5,4-c]pyridine was isolated at
- 15 high R_f and 1-(4-nitro-naphthalen-1-yl)-1H-imidazo[4,5-c]pyridine at lower R_f, and overlapping fractions were in between. The overall yield was 357 mg (47%).
- Each nitro-naphthalene from above (~100 mg, 0.4 mmol) was separately dissolved in 10 mL EtOAc and 5 mL of MeOH. Ammonium formate was then added (100 mg, 1.6 mmol or 4 equiv.) and 10% palladium-on-carbon (~60 mg). The mixture was stirred for 0.5 h at
- 20 50 °C, then allowed to cool, filtered through diatomaceous earth and the solvents were removed *in vacuo* to afford ~ 80 mg of each naphthyl-amine 5a and 5b, which could be coupled with anilines or pyrazolamines to form ureas by the procedures described in Examples 2-4 above.

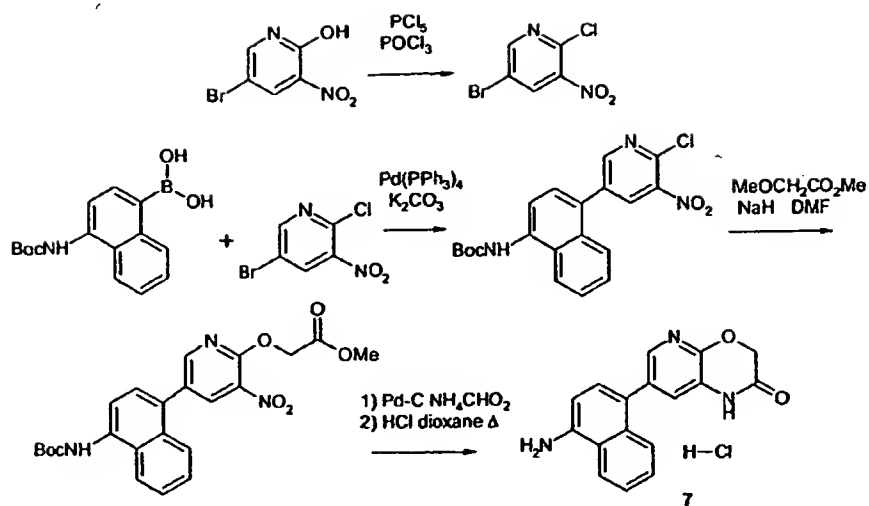
Example 6: Synthesis of 7-(4-amino-naphthalen-1-yl)-7H-purine (6a) and 9-(4-amino-naphthalen-1-yl)-9H-purine (6b)



- 5 Purine (137 mg, 1.14 mmol, 1 equiv.) in 2.0 mL anhydrous DMSO was treated with potassium *tert*-butoxide (128 mg, 1.14 mmol, 1 equiv.) at room temperature. When the solution was completely homogeneous, 4-fluoro-1-nitronaphthalene (137 mg, 1.14 mmol, 1 equiv.) was added in one portion and the mixture was heated to 60 °C for 15 min. The reaction was allowed to cool, quenched with dilute aqueous NaHCO_3 solution
- 10 (50 mL) and the product was collected by filtration to afford approximately a 4:1 ratio of regioisomers favoring 7-(4-nitro-naphthalen-1-yl)-7H-purine over 9-(4-nitro-naphthalen-1-yl)-9H-purine. These regioisomers were separated at this stage by column chromatography on SiO_2 using hexanes / EtOAc eluent mixtures, the major isomer eluting at lower R_f. Reductions to form 6a and 6b and couplings to form ureas were
- 15 performed by procedures analogous to those described in Examples above.

Other substituted purines (for example 3-chloro-purine) can be reacted in an analogous fashion and functionalized further to introduce for example 3-thioalkyl, 3-alkoxy, 3-alkyl or aryl, 3-alkyl- or aryl-amino groups on the purine moiety.

- 20 **Example 7: Synthesis of 7-(4-amino-naphthalen-1-yl)-1H-pyrido[2,3-*b*][1,4]oxazin-2-one hydrochloride**



- 2-Hydroxy-3-nitro-5-bromopyridine (10 g) was combined with 25 mL of phosphorus oxychloride and 5 g of phosphorus pentachloride. The mixture was heated to 110 °C for 2 h, then cooled to room temperature and poured into ice-water and stirred 30 min. The mixture was extracted with CHCl_3 , then the combined organics were dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by chromatography through a short plug of SiO_2 , eluting with 4:1 hexanes : EtOAc afforded 6.72 g of 5-bromo-2-chloro-3-nitro-pyridine.

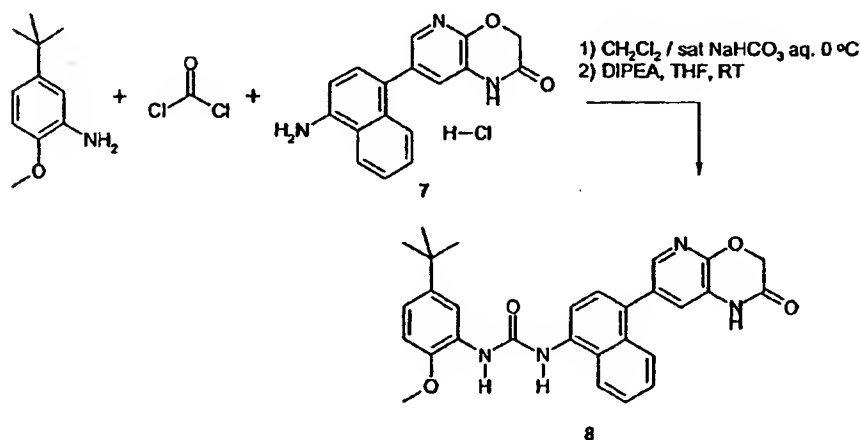
- The 4-Boc-amino-naphth-1-yl boronic acid (0.271 g, 0.944 mmol) and the chloro-pyridine intermediate from above (0.213 g, 0.899 mmol) were combined in 3 mL of DME and 3 mL of 2M aqueous Na_2CO_3 solution was added. The biphasic mixture was purged with nitrogen for 10 min. Palladium tetrakis(triphenylphosphine) catalyst (0.104 g, 0.089 mmol) was then added and the mixture was heated at 65 °C for 4 h, then cooled to room temperature, diluted with EtOAc, washed with water and brine, and dried (MgSO_4). The coupled product was purified by flash chromatography on SiO_2 using 3:1 hexanes : EtOAc.

- To sodium hydride (60% in oil, 104 mg, 2.61 mmol) suspended in 3 mL anhydrous DMF at 0-5 °C, methyl glycolate (0.19 mL, 2.51 mmol) was added dropwise. The mixture was stirred for 90 min, then a solution of the naphthyl-chloro-pyridine from above (0.334 g, 0.837 mmol) in 2 mL DMF was added. The mixture was stirred for 30 min, then

quenched with 2 mL of AcOH and partitioned between water and Et₂O. The ether layer was washed with water, saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, brine, and dried (MgSO₄). The solvent was removed *in vacuo*, and the residue was purified by chromatography through a plug of SiO₂ with 2:1 hexanes:EtOAc eluent to provide 0.248 g (65%) of the desired ester.

A mixture of the above ester (0.234 g, 0.516 mmol), 10% palladium-on carbon (0.02 g) and ammonium formate (0.195 g, 3.10 mmol) in 8 mL EtOH was heated at 90 °C for 1 h, then cooled to room temperature. It was then diluted with EtOAc, filtered through diatomaceous earth, washed with water and brine, then dried (MgSO₄). After the solvent was removed *in vacuo*, the residue was taken up in 1,4-dioxane (5 mL) and treated with HCl in dioxane (4N, 3 mL). The mixture was heated at 70 °C for 3 h. MeOH (8 mL) was then added and the mixture was heated for another 45 min. Concentration *in vacuo* and trituration with Et₂O afforded the title compound (0.167 g, 99% yield).

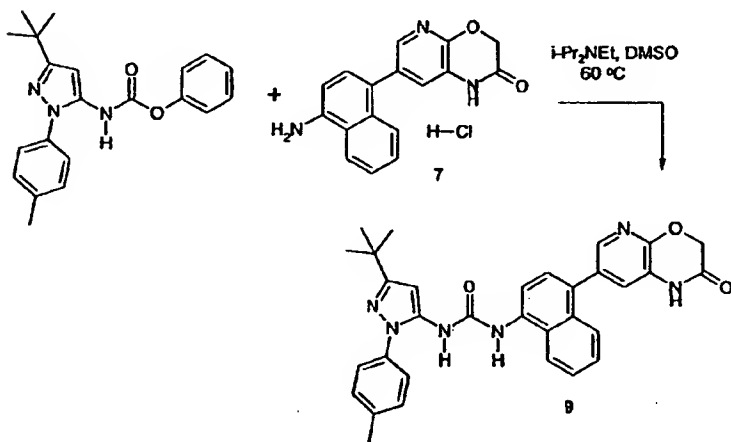
Example 8: Synthesis of 1-(5-*tert*-butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-pyrido[2,3-*b*][1,4]oxazin-7-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea



To 4-*tert*-butyl-*o*-anisidine (0.035 g, 0.198 mmol) in 2 mL dichloromethane and 2 mL saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ at 0 °C, phosgene (~2 M in toluene, 0.21 mL, 0.40 mmol)

was added *via* syringe to the organic layer in one portion, while not stirring. The resulting mixture was stirred vigorously for 10 min, then the organic layer was separated and dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. To the resulting isocyanate solution was added a solution of 7-(4-amino-naphthalen-1-yl)-1*H*-pyrido[2,3-
 5 *b*][1,4]oxazin-2-one hydrochloride (Example 7) (72 mg, 0.220 mmol) and diisopropyl ethylamine (42 μ L, 0.242 mmol) in 2 mL anhydrous THF. This mixture was stirred overnight, then diluted with EtOAc, washed with water and brine, dried (MgSO₄), filtered and the solvents removed *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by preparative HPLC to afford 12 mg of the title compound, m.p. >200 °C.

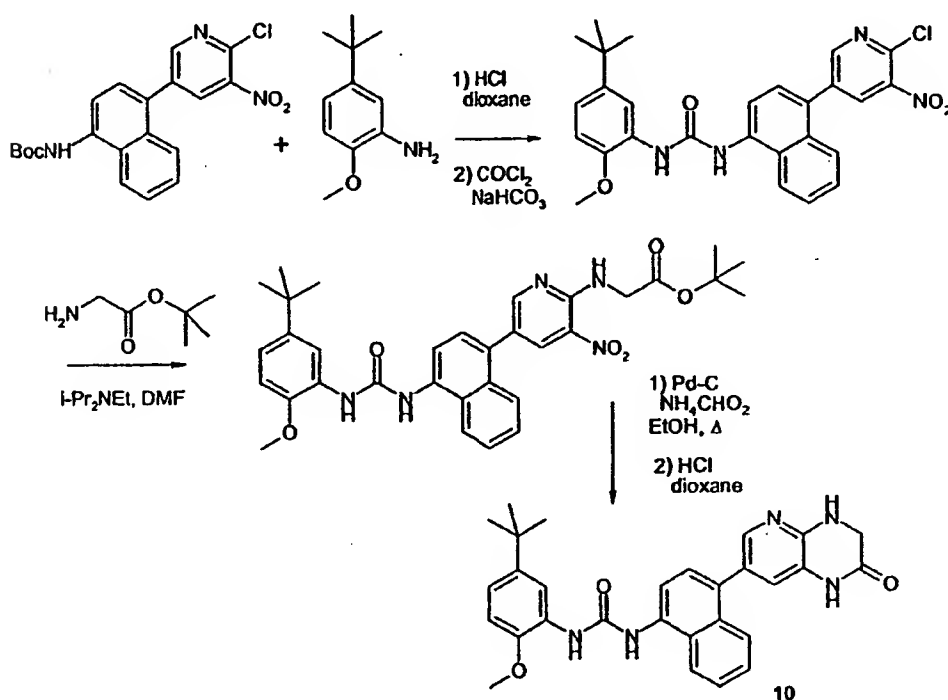
10 **Example 9: Synthesis of 1-(5-*tert*-butyl-2-*p*-tolyl-2*H*-pyrazol-3-yl)-3-[4-(2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-pyrido[2,3-*b*][1,4]oxazin-7-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea**



15 5-*tert*-Butyl-2-*p*-tolyl-2*H*-pyrazol-3-yl)-carbamic acid phenyl ester (0.035 g, 0.099 mmol), 7-(4-amino-naphthalen-1-yl)-1*H*-pyrido[2,3-*b*][1,4]oxazin-2-one hydrochloride (Example 7) (0.036 g, 0.11 mmol) and diisopropyl ethylamine (100 μ L, 0.57 mmol) were combined in 1.5 mL anhydrous DMSO. The mixture was stirred at 60 °C under inert
 20 atmosphere for 5 h, then allowed to cool and quenched with water and extracted with EtOAc three times. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, then dried

(MgSO₄), filtered, and the solvents were removed *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by preparative HPLC providing 3 mg of the title compound, m.p. > 200 °C.

5 **Example 10: Synthesis of 1-(5-*tert*-butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(2-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrido[2,3-*b*]pyrazin-7-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea**



- 10 A mixture of 4-(2-chloro-3-nitropyridin-3-yl)-N-Boc-naphth-1-yl amine (0.62 g) and 4 mL of 4 N HCl in 1,4-dioxane in 10 mL dioxane was stirred at room temperature overnight. The reaction was diluted with ether and the resulting precipitate filtered and dried *in vacuo*. To this naphthylamine hydrochloride (0.201 g, 0.542 mmol) in 5 mL dichloromethane and 5 mL saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution at 0 °C, phosgene (~2M
- 15 in toluene, 0.71 mL, 1.35 mmol) was added *via* syringe to the organic layer in one portion, while not stirring. The resulting mixture was stirred vigorously for 15 min, then the organic layer was separated, dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. To

the resulting isocyanate solution was added a solution of the *tert*-butyl-*o*-anisidine (0.097 g, 0.542 mmol). This mixture was stirred 4 h at room temperature, then concentrated *in vacuo* and purified by flash chromatography using 35% EtOAc in hexanes as eluent to afford the desired urea.

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Glycine *tert*-butyl ester hydrochloride (0.044 g, 0.263 mmol) and diisopropyl ethylamine (0.14 mL, 0.788 mmol) were mixed in 2 mL anhydrous DMF. To this mixture was added the urea from above (0.106 g, 0.210 mmol). The reaction was stirred at room temperature overnight, diluted with water and the resulting solid was filtered and dried *in*

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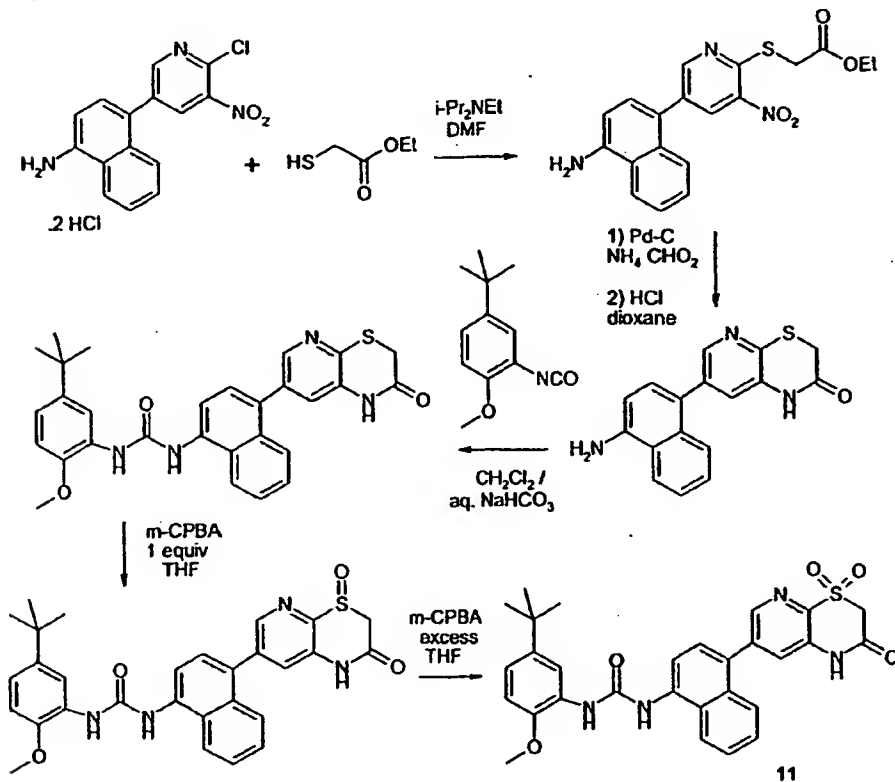
vacuo.

To the solid from above (0.108 g) and ammonium formate (68 mg) in 2 mL EtOH was added 10% palladium-on-carbon (15 mg). The mixture was heated at 60 °C for 15 min, cooled to room temperature, diluted with EtOAc and filtered. The organics were washed with water, then brine, then dried (MgSO₄). The residue was diluted with 3 mL EtOH and 2 mL 4 N HCl in 1,4-dioxane and heated at 75 °C for 90 min. The reaction was cooled to room temperature and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was diluted with EtOAc, washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, brine, and dried (MgSO₄). The residue was diluted with acetonitrile and filtered to afford the title compound (28 mg), m.p. > 230

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Example 11: Synthesis of 1-(5-*tert*-butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(4,4-dioxo-3,4-dihydro-2-oxo-1*H*-4 λ^6 -pyrido[2,3-*b*][1,4]thiazin-7-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea



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4-(2-chloro-3-nitropyridin-3-yl)-naphth-1-yl amine dihydrochloride (0.238 g, 0.642 mmol), ethyl thioglycolate (70 μ L, 0.642 mmol) and diisopropyl ethylamine (0.45 mL, 2.57 mmol) were combined in 4 mL DMF and stirred at room temperature overnight. The reaction mixture was then diluted with water and the product extracted with Et₂O. The organic layer was washed with water and brine, then dried (MgSO₄) providing 0.23 g of the desired thioether.

The thioether from above (0.23 g, 0.601 mmol), ammonium formate (0.15 g, 2.40 mmol) and 10% palladium-on-carbon (200 mg) were combined in 5 mL EtOH and 1 mL EtOAc.

The mixture was heated at 90 °C for 24 h, cooled to room temperature and filtered through diatomaceous earth. The filtrate was diluted with EtOAc, washed with water and brine, dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and the solvents were removed *in vacuo*, providing the desired pyrido-thioxazin-2-one (161 mg).

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To 4-*tert*-butyl-*o*-anisidine (84.5 mg, 0.472 mmol) in 3 mL dichloromethane and 3 mL saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ at 0-5 °C, phosgene (~2 M in toluene, 0.62 mL, 1.18 mmol) was added in one portion, to the organic layer, *via* syringe, while not stirring. The mixture was stirred vigorously for 15 min, then the organic layer was separated, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was then diluted with 2 mL anhydrous THF, cooled to 0 °C, and treated with the pyrido-thioxazin-2-one from above (0.145 g, 0.472 mmol) dissolved in 1 mL anhydrous THF. The mixture was allowed to reach room temperature and stir overnight. The solvent was then removed *in vacuo*, and the product was purified by flash chromatography on SiO₂ using 1:1 hexanes : EtOAc as eluent, providing 0.137 g of the desired urea which was further purified by reverse-phase preparative HPLC, providing the sulfoxide, m.p. 188-190 °C.

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The sulfoxide from above (0.044 g, 0.0859 mmol), dissolved in 2 mL THF, was treated with m-CPBA (60-65%, 0.022 g, 0.0859 mmol) and the mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. It was then diluted with EtOAc, washed with aqueous Na₂S₂O₅, with saturated NaHCO₃, then with brine, then dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by reverse-phase preparative HPLC providing the sulfoxide, m.p. > 240 °C.

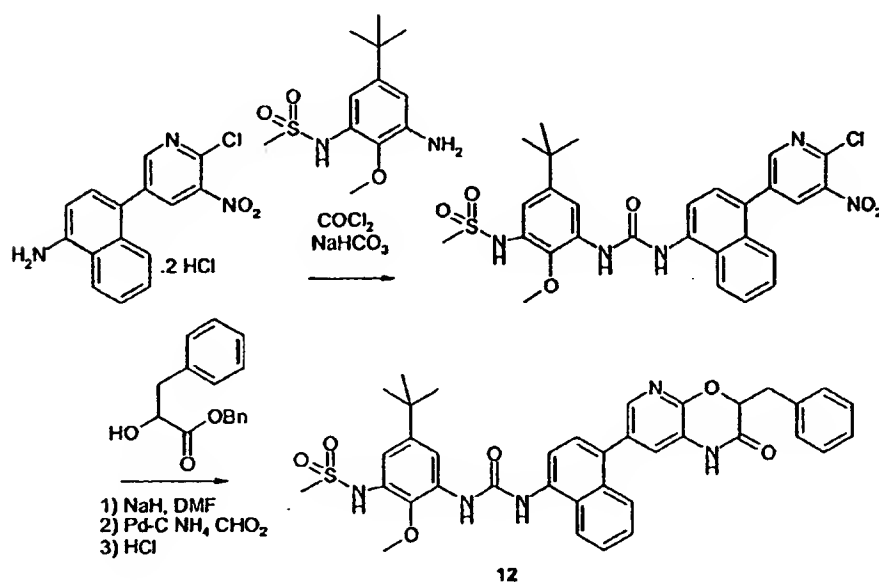
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The sulfoxide from above (0.052 g, 0.101 mmol) was dissolved in 2 mL THF and treated with m-CPBA (60-65%, 0.037 g, 0.213 mmol) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred for 2 days, then treated with another 30 mg of m-CPBA and stirred one day. The mixture was then diluted with EtOAc, washed with aqueous Na₂S₂O₅, with saturated NaHCO₃, then with brine, then dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was purified by reverse-phase preparative HPLC providing the title compound, m.p. > 209-211 °C.

Example 12: Synthesis of *N*-(3-{3-[4-(3-Benzyl-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-pyrido[2,3-*b*][1,4]oxazin-7-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-ureido}-5-*tert*-butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-methanesulfonamide

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To 4-(2-chloro-3-nitropyridin-3-yl)-naphth-1-yl amine dihydrochloride (0.203 g, 0.544 mmol) in 5 mL dichloromethane and 5 mL saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ at 0-5 °C, phosgene (2 M in toluene, 0.72 mL, 1.37 mmol) was added in one portion to the organic layer, *via* syringe, while not stirring. The mixture was stirred vigorously for 15 min, then the organic layer was separated and dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was then diluted with 2 mL anhydrous THF and treated with *N*-(3-amino-5-*tert*-butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-methanesulfonamide (0.148 g, 0.544 mmol) dissolved in 5 mL anhydrous THF. The mixture was allowed to reach room temperature and stir overnight. The solvent was then removed *in vacuo*, and the product was purified by flash chromatography on SiO₂ using 1:1 hexanes : EtOAc as eluent, providing 0.050 g of the desired urea product.

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Racemic benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-phenyl-propionate (0.094 mL, 0.418 mmol) was added to NaH (60% in oil, 18 mg) in 2 mL anhydrous DMF at 0-5 °C. After stirring for 1 h, the above urea was added (0.050 g, 0.0837 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 2.5 h at 0-5 °C, then at room temperature for 1 h, then diluted with AcOH and ether. The organic layer was washed with water, aqueous NaHCO₃ and brine, dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on SiO₂ using 1:1 hexanes : EtOAc as eluent providing 53 mg of desired the desired pyridyl-ether. This material was dissolved in 2 mL EtOH and 1 mL EtOAc, treated with ammonium formate (85 mg) and catalytic palladium-on-carbon (10%, 15 mg). The mixture was heated at 65 °C for 20 min, cooled to room temperature, filtered over diatomaceous earth, washed with water, brine and dried (MgSO₄). The solvent was removed *in vacuo*, then the residue was dissolved in 2 mL EtOH and 1 mL of 4 N HCl in 1,4-dioxane. The mixture was heated at 75 °C for 25 min, then concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was taken up in EtOAc, and washed with saturated NaHCO₃, and brine, and dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was purified by reverse-phase preparative HPLC providing 2 mg of the title compound.

ASSESSMENT OF BIOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

20 Inhibition of TNF Production in THP Cells

The inhibition of cytokine production can be observed by measuring inhibition of TNF α in lipopolysaccharide stimulated THP cells (for example, see W. Prichett *et al.*, 1995, *J. Inflammation*, 45, 97). All cells and reagents were diluted in RPMI 1640 with phenol red and L-glutamine, supplemented with additional L-glutamine (total: 4 mM), penicillin and streptomycin (50 units/ml each) and fetal bovine serum (FBS, 3%) (GIBCO, all conc. final). Assay was performed under sterile conditions; only test compound preparation was nonsterile. Initial stock solutions were made in DMSO followed by dilution into RPMI 1640 2-fold higher than the desired final assay concentration. Confluent THP.1 cells (2x10⁶ cells/ml, final conc.; American Type Culture Company, Rockville, MD) were added to 96 well polypropylene round bottomed culture plates (Costar 3790; sterile)

- containing 125 μ l test compound (2 fold concentrated) or DMSO vehicle (controls, blanks). DMSO concentration did not exceed 0.2% final. Cell mixture was allowed to preincubate for 30 min, 37°C, 5% CO₂ prior to stimulation with lipopolysaccharide (LPS; 1 μ g/ml final; Siga L-2630, from E.coli serotype 0111.B4; stored as 1 mg/ml stock in endotoxin screened distilled H₂O at -80°C). Blanks (unstimulated) received H₂O vehicle; final incubation volume was 250 μ l. Overnight incubation (18 - 24 hr) proceeded as described above. Assay was terminated by centrifuging plates 5 min, room temperature, 1600 rpm (400 x g); supernatants were transferred to clean 96 well plates and stored -80°C until analyzed for human TNF α by a commercially available ELISA kit (Biosource #KHC3015, Camarillo, CA). Data was analyzed by non-linear regression (Hill equation) to generate a dose response curve using SAS Software System (SAS institute, Inc., Cary, NC). The calculated IC₅₀ value is the concentration of the test compound that caused a 50% decrease in the maximal TNF α production.
- 15 Preferred compounds including those from the synthetic examples above were evaluated and had IC₅₀ < 10 μ M in this assay.

Inhibition of other cytokines

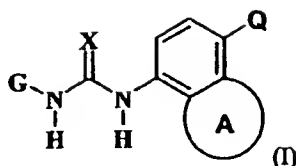
- 20 By similar methods using peripheral blood monocyctic cells, appropriate stimuli, and commercially available ELISA kits (or other method of detection such as radioimmunoassay), for a particular cytokine, inhibition of IL-1 β , GM-CSF, IL-6 and IL-8 can be demonstrated (for example, see J.C. Lee *et al.*, 1988, *Int. J. Immunopharmacol.*, 10, 835).

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WE CLAIM:

1. A compound of the formula (I):

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wherein:

ring A is:

- 10 fused saturated or unsaturated ring containing 3-5 carbon atoms wherein ring A or the phenyl ring to which it is fused is optionally substituted by one or more C_{1-6} branched or unbranched alkyl, acetyl, aroyl, C_{1-6} branched or unbranched alkoxy, halogen, methoxycarbonyl, phenylsulfonyl, hydroxy, amino, mono- or di- $(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)amino, mono- or di- $(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)amino- $S(O)_m$, cyano, nitro or H_2NSO_2 ;

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G is a 5-membered heteroaryl ring;

wherein G is optionally substituted by one or more R_1 , R_2 or R_3 ;

Q is

- 20 a carbocyclic ring chosen from naphthyl, benzocyclobutanyl, dihydronaphthyl, tetrahydronaphthyl, benzocycloheptanyl, benzocycloheptenyl, indanyl and indenyl;

a ring system chosen from benzoxazinyl, benzimidazolyl, benzothiazolyl, benzooxazolyl,

benzofuranyl, benzopyranyl, benzodioxolyl, quinaldiny, quinazoliny, quinoxaliny,

- 25 isoquinolinyl, quinolinyl, indolyl, isoindolyl, indoliny, puriny, tetrahydroquinolinyl, indazolyl, imidazo-pyridiny, pyrazolo-pyridiny, pyrazolo-pyrimidinyl, pyrrolo-pyrimidinyl, pyrrolo-pyridiny, pyrido-pyraziny, pyrido-pyrimidinyl, pyrido-oxazinyl,

pyrido-thiazinyl, pyrido-oxazolyl, pyrido-thioxazolyl, pyrimido-pyrimidine, pteridinyl, cinnolinyl and naphthyridinyl;

wherein each Q is optionally substituted with one to three Y,

5 each Y is independently chosen from

L-NR₅R₆ wherein L is a bond, -(CH₂)₁₋₅- or >C(O),

hydrogen, oxo, C₁₋₅ alkyl branched or unbranched, C₁₋₃ alkyl(OH), C₂₋₅ alkenyl, C₁₋₃ acyl, heterocyclylC₀₋₃ alkyl wherein the heterocyclyl is chosen from morpholinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, tetrahydropyranyl and tetrahydrofuryl, heteroarylC₀₋₃ alkyl

10 wherein the heteroaryl is chosen from pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, thienyl, furyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, triazolyl, tetrazolyl, isothiazolyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, indolyl, benzimidazolyl, benzofuranyl, benzoxazolyl, benzisoxazolyl, benzopyrazolyl, benzothiofuranyl, quinoxalinyl, quinazolinyl and indazolyl and arylC₀₋₃ alkyl,

15 wherein each Y is optionally substituted by one to three hydroxy, oxo, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₃ alkoxy, C₁₋₄ acyl, C₁₋₅ alkoxy carbonyl, -NR₅R₆ or NR₅R₆-C(O)-;

each R₅ or R₆ is independently:

hydrogen, arylC₀₋₃ alkyl, C₃₋₇ cycloalkylC₀₋₃ alkyl, heterocyclylC₀₋₃ alkyl or heterocyclylcarbonyl wherein the heterocyclyl is as hereinabove described for Y,

20 heteroarylC₀₋₃ alkyl or heteroarylcarbonyl wherein the heteroaryl is as hereinabove described for Y, C₁₋₃ acyl, aroyl or C₁₋₆ branched or unbranched alkyl, each R₅ or R₆ is optionally substituted by C₁₋₅ alkoxy, hydroxy, mono- or di-C₁₋₃alkylaminocarbonyl, mono or diC₁₋₃ alkyl amino, mono or diC₁₋₃ alkylsulfonylamino or C₁₋₃ alkylsulfonyl;

25 each R₁ is independently:

C₁₋₁₀ alkyl branched or unbranched, wherein one or more C atoms are optionally independently replaced by O, N or S(O)_m, and wherein said C₁₋₁₀ alkyl is optionally substituted with one to three C₃₋₁₀ cycloalkyl, hydroxy, oxo, phenyl, naphthyl or halogen; or R₁ is

cyclopropyloxy, cyclobutyloxy, cyclopentyloxy, cyclohexyloxy or cycloheptyloxy each optionally substituted with one to three C₁₋₃ alkyl groups, nitrile, hydroxyC₁₋₃alkyl or aryl;

phenoxy or benzyloxy each optionally substituted with one to three C₁₋₃ alkyl groups,

5 nitrile, hydroxyC₁₋₃alkyl or aryl;

cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl, bicyclopentanyl, bicyclohexanyl or bicycloheptanyl, each being optionally substituted with one to three C₁₋₃ alkyl, nitrile, hydroxyC₁₋₃alkyl or aryl;

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C₃₋₁₀ branched or unbranched alkenyl each being optionally substituted with one to three C₁₋₅ branched or unbranched alkyl, phenyl or naphthyl;

cyclopentenyl, cyclohexenyl, cyclohexadienyl, cycloheptenyl, cycloheptadienyl,

15 bicyclohexenyl or bicycloheptenyl, wherein each optionally substituted with one to three C₁₋₃ alkyl groups;

oxo, nitrile, halogen; or

20 C₃₋₆ alkynyl branched or unbranched carbon chain wherein one or more methylene groups are optionally replaced by O, N or S(O)_m and wherein said alkynyl group is optionally independently substituted with one to two oxo groups, hydroxy, pyrrolidinyl, pyrrolyl, tetrahydropyranyl, C₁₋₄ alkyl optionally substituted by one or more halogen atoms, nitrile, morpholino, piperidinyl, piperazinyl, imidazolyl, phenyl, pyridinyl,

25 tetrazolyl or mono- or di(C₁₋₃alkyl)amino;

each R₂ is independently:

a C₁₋₆ branched or unbranched alkyl optionally halogenated, C₁₋₆acyl, aroyl, C₁₋₄

branched or unbranched alkoxy optionally halogenated, halogen, methoxycarbonyl, C₁₋₄

30 alkyl-S(O)_m branched or unbranched or phenyl-S(O)_m;

each R_3 is independently C_{1-6} branched or unbranched alkyl, aryl C_{0-6} alkyl, heteroaryl C_{0-6} alkyl or heterocyclyl C_{0-6} alkyl each optionally substituted with one to three C_{1-3} alkyl groups, nitrile, hydroxy C_{1-3} alkyl or aryl;

- 5 each m is independently 0, 1 or 2;
and X is O or S;
or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters or isomers thereof;

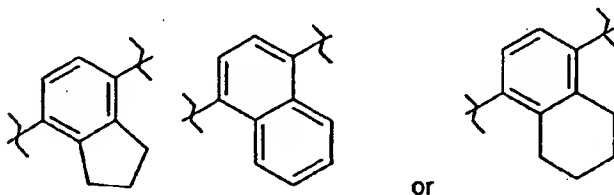
with the proviso that the following compounds are excluded:

- 10 1-[5-tert-butyl-2-p-tolyl-2H-pyrazol-3-yl]-3-[4-(1-morpholin-4-yl-indan-5-yl)-
naphthalen-1-yl]-urea and

1-[5-tert-butyl-2-p-tolyl-2H-pyrazol-3-yl]-3-[4-(3-benzyl-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-
yl)naphthalen-1-yl]-urea.

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2. The compound according to claim 1 wherein:
ring A and the phenyl ring to which it is fused form:



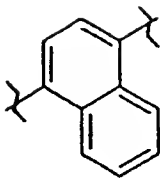
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3. The compound according to claim 2 wherein:

G is pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, thienyl, furyl, thiazolyl or oxazolyl;

- 25 wherein G is optionally substituted by one to three R_1 , R_2 or R_3 ;

ring A and the phenyl ring to which it is fused form:



Q is

a ring system chosen from benzimidazolyl, benzothiazolyl, benzooxazolyl,

- 5 benzisoxazolyl, benzofuranyl, benzodioxolyl, indolyl, isoindolyl, imidazo[4,5-b]pyridinyl, imidazo[4,5-c]pyridinyl, purinyl, indazolyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, quinazolinyl, benzopyranyl, benzoxazinyl, pyrido[2,3-b]oxazinyl, pyrido[2,3-b]pyrazinyl, pyrido[2,3-b]thiazinyl, pyrrolo[3,2-c]pyridinyl and pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidinyl; wherein each Q is optionally substituted with one to three Y,

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R₁ is

C₁₋₁₀ alkyl, C₁₋₁₀ alkoxy each branched or unbranched and optionally substituted with one to three C₃₋₁₀ cycloalkyl, hydroxy, oxo, phenyl, naphthyl or halogen,

or R₁ is

- 15 cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl, bicyclopentanyl, bicyclohexanyl or bicycloheptanyl, each optionally substituted with one to three C₁₋₃ alkyl, nitrile, hydroxyC₁₋₃alkyl or aryl;

R₃ is C₁₋₆ branched or unbranched alkyl, phenyl, naphthyl, benzyl, phenethyl,

- 20 heteroarylC₀₋₆ alkyl wherein the heteroaryl is chosen from pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, thienyl, furyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, triazolyl, tetrazolyl, isothiazolyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, indolyl, benzimidazolyl, benzofuranyl, benzoxazolyl, benzisoxazolyl, benzopyrazolyl, benzothiofuranyl, quinoxalinyl, quinazolinyl and indazolyl or heterocyclylC₀₋₆ alkyl

- 25 wherein the heterocyclyl is chosen from morpholinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl and tetrahydrofuryl, each optionally substituted with one to three C₁₋₃ alkyl; and

X is O.

4. The compound according to claim 3 wherein:

- 5 G is pyrrolyl, imidazolyl or pyrazolyl,
wherein G is optionally substituted by one to three R_1 , R_2 or R_3 ;

each Y is independently chosen from

$L-NR_5R_6$ wherein L is a bond, $-(CH_2)_{1-5}-$ or $>C(O)$,

- 10 hydrogen, oxo, C_{1-5} alkyl branched or unbranched, C_{1-3} alkyl(OH), C_{2-5} alkenyl, C_{1-3} acyl, heterocyclyl C_{0-3} alkyl wherein the heterocyclyl is chosen from morpholinyl, piperazinyl, and pyrrolidinyl, heteroaryl C_{0-3} alkyl wherein the heteroaryl is chosen from pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl, and oxazolyl, phenyl, naphthyl, benzyl and phenethyl,
15 wherein each Y is optionally substituted by one to three hydroxy, oxo, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-3} alkoxy, C_{1-4} acyl, C_{1-5} alkoxy carbonyl or $-NR_5R_6$;

each R_5 or R_6 is independently:

- hydrogen, phenyl, naphthyl, benzyl, phenethyl, C_{3-7} cycloalkyl C_{0-3} alkyl, heterocyclyl C_{0-3} alkyl or heterocyclylcarbonyl wherein the heterocyclyl is chosen from morpholinyl,
20 tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydropyranyl, heteroaryl C_{0-3} alkyl or heteroarylcarbonyl wherein the heteroaryl is chosen from pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl and pyridazinyl, C_{1-3} acyl, aroyl or C_{1-6} branched or unbranched alkyl, each R_5 or R_6 is optionally substituted by C_{1-5} alkoxy, mono or di C_{1-3} alkyl amino, mono or di C_{1-3} alkylsulfonylamino or C_{1-3} alkylsulfonyl;

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R_1 is

C_{1-10} alkyl, C_{1-9} alkoxy each branched or unbranched and optionally substituted with one to three C_{3-10} cycloalkyl, hydroxy, oxo, phenyl, naphthyl, fluoro, bromo or chloro;
and

R_3 is C_{1-6} branched or unbranched alkyl, phenyl, naphthyl, benzyl, phenethyl, pyridinyl, morpholinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl or pyrrolidinyl each optionally substituted with one to three C_{1-3} alkyl.

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5. The compound according to claim 4 wherein:

G is pyrazolyl optionally substituted by one to three R_1 , R_2 or R_3 ;

- 10 Q is chosen from imidazo[4,5-b]pyridinyl, imidazo[4,5-c]pyridinyl, pyrido[2,3-b]oxazinyl and pyrrolo[3,2-c]pyridinyl;
wherein each Q is optionally substituted with one to three Y;

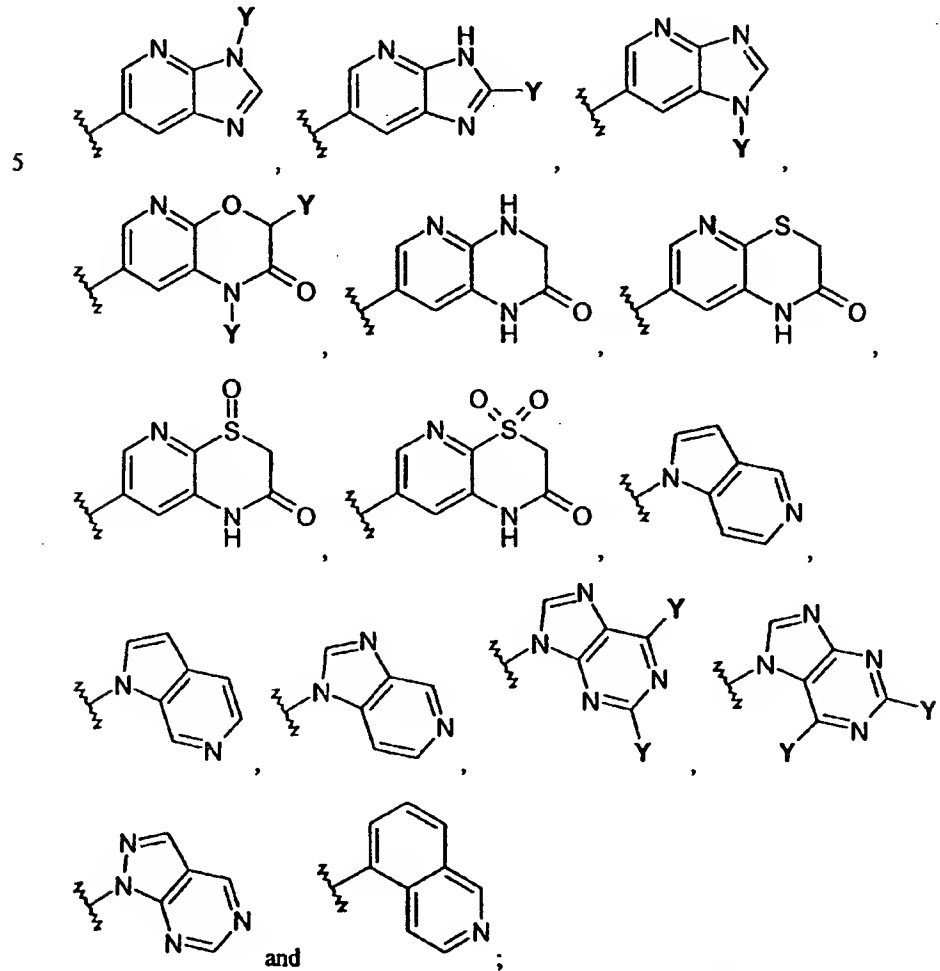
each Y is independently chosen from

- 15 $L-NR_5R_6$ wherein L is a bond, $-(CH_2)_{1-5}-$ or $>C(O)$,
hydrogen, oxo, C_{1-5} alkyl branched or unbranched, heterocyclyl C_{0-3} alkyl wherein the heterocyclyl is chosen from morpholinyl, piperazinyl, and pyrrolidinyl, pyridinyl C_{0-3} alkyl or benzyl,
wherein each Y is optionally substituted by one to three hydroxy, oxo, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-3}
20 alkoxy, C_{1-4} acyl or $-NR_5R_6$; and
each R_5 or R_6 is independently:
hydrogen, phenyl, benzyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl C_{0-3} alkyl, heterocyclyl C_{0-3} alkyl or heterocyclylcarbonyl wherein the heterocyclyl is chosen from morpholinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydropyranyl, pyridinyl C_{0-3} alkyl, pyridinylcarbonyl, C_{1-3} acyl,
25 benzoyl or C_{1-6} branched or unbranched alkyl, each R_5 or R_6 is optionally substituted by C_{1-5} alkoxy, mono or di C_{1-3} alkyl amino, mono or di C_{1-3} alkylsulfonylamino or C_{1-3} alkylsulfonyl.

- 30 6. The compound according to claim 5 wherein:

G is 2H-pyrazol-3-yl optionally substituted by one to three R₁, R₂ or R₃;

Q is chosen from:



R₁ is

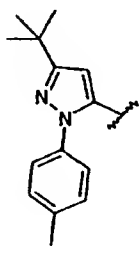
CF₃, OCF₃, -C(CH₃)₃, -C(CH₂F)₃ or -CH₂C(CH₃)₃;

and

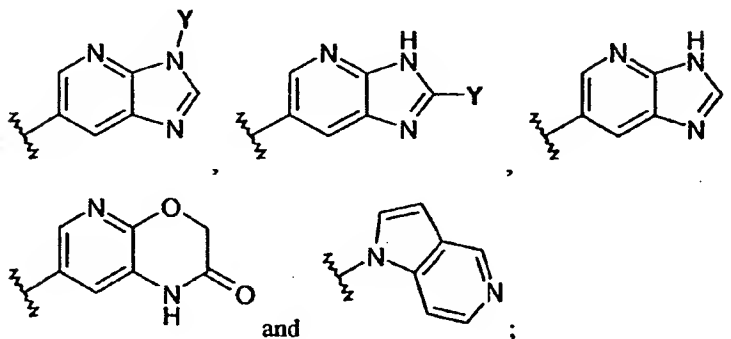
R_3 is phenyl or benzyl each optionally substituted with one to three C_{1-3} alkyl.

- 5 7. The compound according to claim 6 wherein:

G is:



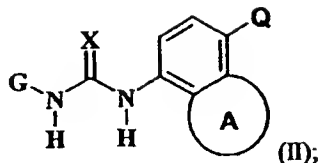
- 10 Q is chosen from



Y is independently chosen from

- 15 $L-NR_5R_6$ wherein L is a bond or $-(CH_2)_{1-3}$,
 C_{1-5} alkyl branched or unbranched, morpholinyl C_{0-3} alkyl or benzyl; and
each R_5 or R_6 is independently:
hydrogen, phenyl, benzyl or C_{3-6} cycloalkyl C_{0-3} alkyl.

8. A compound of the formula (II):



wherein:

5 ring A is:

fused saturated or unsaturated ring containing 3-5 carbon atoms wherein ring A or the phenyl ring to which it is fused is optionally substituted by one or more a C₁₋₆ branched or unbranched alkyl, acetyl, aroyl, C₁₋₆ branched or unbranched alkoxy, halogen, methoxycarbonyl, phenylsulfonyl, hydroxy, amino, mono- or di-(C₁₋₄ alkyl)amino, mono-
 10 or di-(C₁₋₄ alkyl)amino-S(O)_m, cyano, nitro or H₂NSO₂;

G is

a 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl ring chosen from pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, and pyridazinyl;

15 a ring system chosen from benzoxazinyl, benzimidazolyl, benzothiazolyl, benzooxazolyl, benzofuranyl, benzopyranyl, benzodioxolyl, quinaldinyl, quinazolinyl, quinoxaliny, isoquinolinyl, quinolinyl, indolyl, isoindolyl, indolinyl, purinyl, indazolyl, imidazo-pyridinyl, pyrazolo-pyridinyl, pyrazolo-pyrimidinyl, pyrrolo-pyrimidinyl, pyrrolo-pyridinyl, pyrido-pyrazinyl, pyrido-pyrimidinyl, pyrido-oxazinyl, pyrido-thiazinyl,
 20 pyrido-oxazolyl, pyrido-thioxazolyl, pyrimido-pyrimidine, pteridinyl, cinnolinyl and naphthyridinyl;

a 3-7 membered carbocyclic ring aromatic or nonaromatic;

wherein G is optionally substituted by one or more R₁, R₂ or R₃;

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Q is

a carbocyclic ring chosen from naphthyl, benzocyclobutanyl, dihydronaphthyl, tetrahydronaphthyl, benzocycloheptanyl, benzocycloheptenyl, indanyl and indenyl;

a ring system chosen from benzoxazinyl, benzimidazolyl, benzothiazolyl, benzooxazolyl, benzofuranyl, benzopyranyl, benzodioxolyl, quinaldiny, quinazolinyl, quinoxaliny, isoquinolinyl, quinolinyl, indolyl, isoindolyl, indoliny, puriny, tetrahydroquinolinyl, indazolyl, imidazo-pyridiny, pyrazolo-pyridiny, pyrazolo-pyrimidinyl, pyrrolo-pyrimidinyl, pyrrolo-pyridiny, pyrido-pyraziny, pyrido-pyrimidinyl, pyrido-oxazinyl, pyrido-thiaziny, pyrido-oxazolyl, pyrido-thioxazolyl, pyrimido-pyrimidine, pteridinyl, cinnolinyl and naphthyridiny;

wherein each Q is optionally substituted with one to three Y,

each Y is independently chosen from

$L-NR_5R_6$ wherein L is a bond, $-(CH_2)_{1-5}-$ or $>C(O)-$,

hydrogen, oxo, C_{1-5} alkyl branched or unbranched, C_{1-3} alkyl(OH), C_{2-5} alkenyl, C_{1-3} acyl, heterocyclyl C_{0-3} alkyl wherein the heterocyclyl is chosen from morpholinyl, piperazinyl,

piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl and tetrahydrofuryl, heteroaryl C_{0-3} alkyl wherein the heteroaryl is chosen from pyridiny, pyrimidinyl, pyraziny, pyridaziny, pyrroly, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, thienyl, furyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, triazolyl, tetrazolyl, isothiazolyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, indolyl, benzimidazolyl, benzofuranyl, benzoxazolyl, benzisoxazolyl, benzopyrazolyl, benzothiofuranyl, quinoxaliny, quinazolinyl and

indazolyl and aryl C_{0-3} alkyl,

wherein each Y is optionally substituted by one to three hydroxy, oxo, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-3} alkoxy, C_{1-4} acyl, C_{1-5} alkoxy carbonyl, $-NR_5R_6$ or $NR_5R_6-C(O)-$;

each R_5 or R_6 is independently:

hydrogen, aryl C_{0-3} alkyl, C_{3-7} cycloalkyl C_{0-3} alkyl, heterocyclyl C_{0-3} alkyl or

heterocyclylcarbonyl wherein the heterocyclyl is as hereinabove described for Y,

heteroaryl C_{0-3} alkyl or heteroarylcarbonyl wherein the heteroaryl is as hereinabove described for Y, C_{1-3} acyl, aroyl or C_{1-6} branched or unbranched alkyl, each R_5 or R_6 is optionally substituted by C_{1-5} alkoxy, hydroxy, mono- or di- C_{1-3} alkylaminocarbonyl, mono or di C_{1-3} alkylamino, mono or di C_{1-3} alkylsulfonylamino or C_{1-3} alkylsulfonyl;

each R_1 is independently:

C₁₋₁₀ alkyl branched or unbranched, wherein one or more C atoms are optionally independently replaced by O, N or S(O)_m, and wherein said C₁₋₁₀ alkyl is optionally substituted with one to three C₃₋₁₀ cycloalkyl, hydroxy, oxo, phenyl, naphthyl or halogen, or R₁ is

- 5 phenyl, cyclopropyloxy, cyclobutyloxy, cyclopentyloxy, cyclohexyloxy or cycloheptyloxy each optionally substituted with one to three C₁₋₃ alkyl groups, nitrile, hydroxyC₁₋₃alkyl or aryl;
phenyloxy or benzyloxy each optionally substituted with one to three C₁₋₃ alkyl groups, nitrile, hydroxyC₁₋₃alkyl or aryl;
- 10 cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl, bicyclopentanyl, bicyclohexanyl or bicycloheptanyl, each being optionally substituted with one to three C₁₋₃ alkyl, nitrile, hydroxyC₁₋₃alkyl or aryl;
- 15 C₃₋₁₀ branched or unbranched alkenyl each being optionally substituted with one to three C₁₋₅ branched or unbranched alkyl, phenyl or naphthyl,
cyclopentenyl, cyclohexenyl, cyclohexadienyl, cycloheptenyl, cycloheptadienyl, bicyclohexenyl or bicycloheptenyl, each optionally substituted with one to three C₁₋₃
- 20 alkyl groups;
morpholinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, tetrahydropyranyl or tetrahydrofuryl,
oxo, nitrile, halogen; or
- 25 C₃₋₆ alkynyl branched or unbranched carbon chain wherein one or more methylene groups are optionally replaced by O, N or S(O)_m and wherein said alkynyl group is optionally independently substituted with one to two oxo groups, hydroxy, pyrrolidinyl, pyrrolyl, tetrahydropyranyl, one or more C₁₋₄ alkyl optionally substituted by one or more
- 30 halogen atoms, nitrile, morpholino, piperidinyl, piperazinyl, imidazolyl, phenyl, pyridinyl, tetrazolyl or mono- or di(C₁₋₃alkyl)amino;

each R_2 is independently:

- a C_{1-6} branched or unbranched alkyl optionally halogenated, C_{1-6} acyl, aroyl, C_{1-4}
 branched or unbranched alkoxy optionally halogenated, halogen, methoxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}
 5 alkyl-S(O) $_m$ branched or unbranched or phenyl-S(O) $_m$;

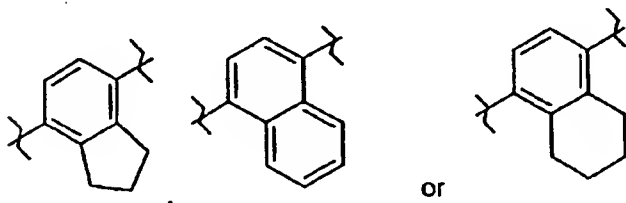
each R_3 is independently

- C_{1-6} branched or unbranched alkyl, aryl C_{0-6} alkyl, heteroaryl C_{0-6} alkyl, heterocyclyl C_{0-6}
 alkyl each optionally substituted with one to three C_{1-3} alkyl groups, nitrile, hydroxy C_{1-}
 10 $_3$ alkyl or aryl;
 amino wherein the nitrogen atom is optionally mono- or di-substituted by C_{1-6} branched
 or unbranched alkyl, aryl C_{0-6} alkyl, heteroaryl C_{0-6} alkyl and heterocyclyl C_{0-6} alkyl;
 $J-S(O)_m-NR_7-$ wherein the nitrogen atom is covalently attached to G;
 or R_3 is $J-NR_7-C(O)-$,
 15 wherein
 R_7 is hydrogen or C_{1-3} alkyl;
 J is chosen from C_{1-6} branched or unbranched alkyl optionally substituted with 1 to 3
 halogen atoms, aryl C_{0-6} alkyl, heteroaryl C_{0-6} alkyl and heterocyclyl C_{0-6} alkyl;
 each m is independently 0, 1 or 2;
 20 and X is O or S;
 or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters or isomers thereof.

9. The compound according to claim 8 and wherein

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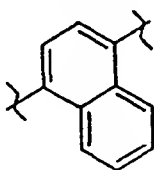
ring A and the phenyl ring to which it is fused form:



10. The compound according to claim 9 and wherein

G is a 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl ring chosen from pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl,
 5 pyrazinyl and pyridazinyl;
 phenyl, naphthyl, indanyl, indenyl or C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl;
 wherein G is optionally substituted by one to three R₁, R₂ or R₃;

ring A and the phenyl ring to which it is fused form:



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Q is
 a ring system chosen from benzimidazolyl, benzothiazolyl, benzooxazolyl,
 15 benzisoxazolyl, benzofuranyl, benzodioxolyl, indolyl, isoindolyl,
 imidazo[4,5-b]pyridinyl, imidazo[4,5-c]pyridinyl, purinyl, indazolyl, quinolinyl,
 isoquinolinyl, quinazolinyl, benzopyranyl, benzoxazinyl, pyrido[2,3-b]oxazinyl,
 pyrido[2,3-b]pyrazinyl, pyrido[2,3-b]thiazinyl, pyrrolo[3,2-c]pyridinyl and pyrazolo[3,4-
 d]pyrimidinyl;
 20 wherein each Q is optionally substituted with one to three Y,

R₁ is
 C₁₋₁₀ alkyl, C₁₋₉ alkoxy each branched or unbranched and optionally substituted with one
 to three C₃₋₁₀ cycloalkyl, hydroxy, oxo, phenyl, naphthyl or halogen,
 25 morpholinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl,
 or R₁ is

phenyl, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl, bicyclopentanyl, bicyclohexanyl or bicycloheptanyl, each being optionally substituted with one to three C_{1-3} alkyl, nitrile, hydroxy C_{1-3} alkyl or aryl;

5 R_2 is

halogen, C_{1-6} branched or unbranched alkyl or C_{1-4} branched or unbranched alkoxy each optionally halogenated;

R_3 is $J-S(O)_m-NR_7$ wherein the nitrogen atom is covalently attached to G and wherein J is chosen from a C_{1-6} branched or unbranched alkyl optionally substituted with 1 to 3

10 halogen atoms, aryl C_{0-6} alkyl, heteroaryl C_{0-6} alkyl and heterocyclyl C_{0-6} alkyl;
and

X is O.

11. The compound according to claim 10 and wherein

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G is pyridinyl, phenyl, naphthyl, indanyl, indenyl or C_{3-7} cycloalkyl;
wherein G is optionally substituted by one to three R_1 , R_2 or R_3 ;

wherein each Y is independently chosen from

20 $L-NR_5R_6$ wherein L is a bond or $-(CH_2)_{1-5}-$;

hydrogen, oxo, C_{1-5} alkyl branched or unbranched, C_{1-3} acyl, heterocyclyl C_{0-3} alkyl wherein the heterocyclyl is chosen from morpholinyl, piperazinyl, and pyrrolidinyl, heteroaryl C_{0-3} alkyl wherein the heteroaryl is chosen from pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl and oxazolyl,

25 phenyl, naphthyl, benzyl and phenethyl,

wherein each Y is optionally substituted by one to three hydroxy, oxo, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-3} alkoxy, C_{1-4} acyl, C_{1-5} alkoxycarbonyl or $-NR_5R_6$;

each R_5 or R_6 is independently:

hydrogen, phenyl, naphthyl, benzyl, phenethyl, C_{3-7} cycloalkyl C_{0-3} alkyl, heterocyclyl C_{0-3} alkyl or heterocyclylcarbonyl wherein the heterocyclyl is chosen from morpholinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl and tetrahydropyranyl, heteroaryl C_{0-3} alkyl or heteroarylcarbonyl

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wherein the heteroaryl is chosen from pyridinyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl and pyridazinyl, C₁₋₃ acyl, aroyl or C₁₋₆ branched or unbranched alkyl, each R₅ or R₆ is optionally substituted by C₁₋₅ alkoxy, mono or diC₁₋₃ alkyl amino, mono or diC₁₋₃ alkylsulfonylamino or C₁₋₃ alkylsulfonyl;

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R₁ is

C₁₋₁₀ alkyl, C₁₋₉ alkoxy each branched or unbranched and optionally substituted with one to three C₃₋₁₀ cycloalkyl, hydroxy, oxo, phenyl, naphthyl, fluoro, bromo or chloro or R₁ is morpholinyl or phenyl;

10 and

R₃ is J-S(O)_m-NR₇- wherein the nitrogen atom is covalently attached to G and wherein J is chosen from a C₁₋₆ branched or unbranched alkyl optionally substituted with 1 to 3 halogen atoms and arylC₀₋₆ alkyl.

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12. The compound according to claim 11 and wherein

G is pyridinyl, phenyl, cyclopropyl or naphthyl each optionally substituted by one to three R₁, R₂ or R₃;

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Q is chosen from imidazo[4,5-b]pyridinyl, imidazo[4,5-c]pyridinyl, pyrido[2,3-b]oxazinyl, pyrido[2,3-b]pyrazinyl, pyrido[2,3-b]thiazinyl, pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidinyl, isoquinolinyl, purinyl and pyrrolo[3,2-c]pyridinyl; wherein each Q is optionally substituted with one to three Y,

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wherein each Y is independently chosen from

L-NR₅R₆ wherein L is a bond or -(CH₂)₁₋₅,

hydrogen, oxo, C₁₋₅ alkyl branched or unbranched, heterocyclylC₀₋₃ alkyl wherein the heterocyclyl is chosen from morpholinyl, piperazinyl, and pyrrolidinyl, pyridinylC₀₋₃

30 alkyl or benzyl,

wherein each Y is optionally substituted by one to three hydroxy, oxo, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₃ alkoxy, C₁₋₄ acyl or -NR₅R₆;

each R₅ or R₆ is independently:

hydrogen, phenyl, benzyl, C₃₋₆ cycloalkylC₀₋₃ alkyl, heterocyclylC₀₋₃ alkyl or

- 5 heterocyclylcarbonyl wherein the heterocyclyl is chosen from morpholinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl and tetrahydropyranyl, pyridinylC₀₋₃ alkyl, pyridinylcarbonyl, C₁₋₃ acyl, benzoyl or C₁₋₆ branched or unbranched alkyl optionally substituted by C₁₋₅ alkoxy, mono or diC₁₋₃ alkyl amino, mono or diC₁₋₃ alkylsulfonylamino or C₁₋₃ alkylsulfonyl;

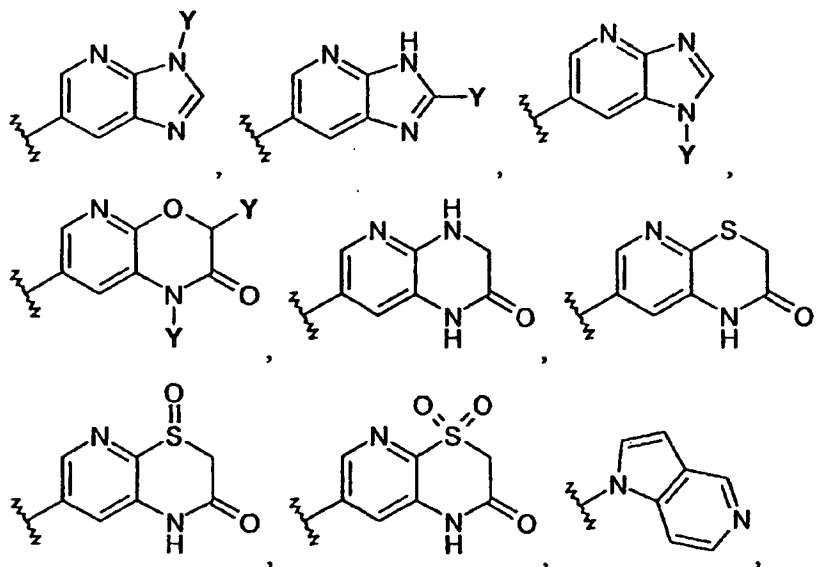
- 10 R₇ is hydrogen; and

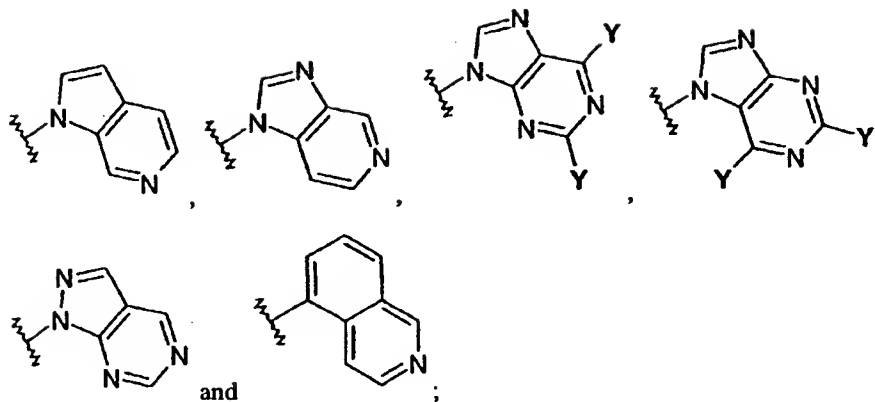
J is C₁₋₆ branched or unbranched alkyl optionally substituted with 1 to 3 halogen atoms.

13. The compound according to claim 12 and wherein

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Q is chosen from:





R_1 is

- 5 morpholinyl, phenyl, CF_3 , OCF_3 , $-C(CH_3)_3$, $-C(CH_2F)_3$ or $-CH_2C(CH_3)_3$;

R_2 is

chloro, bromo, fluoro, C_{1-4} branched or unbranched alkoxy, CF_3 or OCF_3 ;

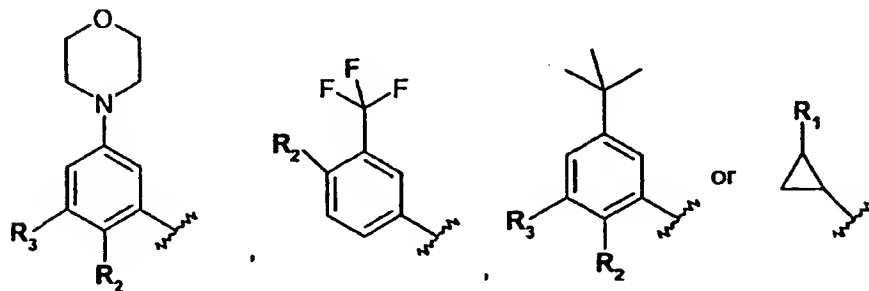
and

- 10 J is C_{1-3} alkyl optionally substituted with 1 to 3 halogen atoms.

14. The compound according to claim 13 and wherein

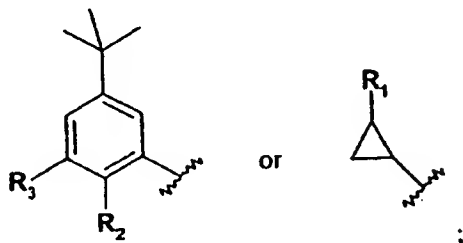
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G is:



15. The compound according to claim 14 and wherein

G is:



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Y is independently chosen from

$L-NR_5R_6$ wherein L is a bond or $-(CH_2)_{1-3}-$,

C_{1-5} alkyl branched or unbranched, morpholinyl C_{0-3} alkyl or benzyl; and

each R_5 or R_6 is independently:

10 hydrogen, phenyl, benzyl or C_{3-6} cycloalkyl C_{0-3} alkyl.

16. A compound chosen from:

1-[4-(3-Benzyl-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-3-(5-tert-butyl-2-p-tolyl-2H-pyrazol-3-yl)-urea;

1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-p-tolyl-2H-pyrazol-3-yl)-3-[4-(3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;

1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-p-tolyl-2H-pyrazol-3-yl)-3-[4-(2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrido[2,3-b][1,4]oxazin-7-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;

1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-p-tolyl-2H-pyrazol-3-yl)-3-(4-pyrrolo[3,2-c]pyridin-1-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;

1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(2-morpholin-4-ylmethyl-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrido[2,3-b][1,4]oxazin-7-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(2-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[2,3-b]pyrazin-7-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrido[2,3-b][1,4]thiazin-7-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(2,4-dioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-4-lambda-4-pyrido[2,3-b][1,4]thiazin-7-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(2,4,4-trioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-4-lambda-6-pyrido[2,3-b][1,4]thiazin-7-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
N-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-3-{3-[4-(2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrido[2,3-b][1,4]oxazin-7-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-ureido}-phenyl)-methanesulfonamide;
N-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-3-{3-[4-(3-methyl-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrido[2,3-b][1,4]oxazin-7-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-ureido}-phenyl)-methanesulfonamide;
N-(3-{3-[4-(3-Benzyl-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrido[2,3-b][1,4]oxazin-7-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-ureido}-5-tert-butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-methanesulfonamide;

N-{5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-3-[3-(4-pyrrolo[3,2-c]pyridin-1-yl-naphthalen-1-yl)-ureido]-phenyl}-methanesulfonamide;
1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-(4-pyrrolo[3,2-c]pyridin-1-yl-naphthalen-1-yl)-urea;
N-{5-tert-Butyl-3-[3-(4-imidazo[4,5-c]pyridin-3-yl-naphthalen-1-yl)-ureido]-2-methoxy-phenyl}-methanesulfonamide;
N-{5-tert-Butyl-3-[3-(4-imidazo[4,5-c]pyridin-1-yl-naphthalen-1-yl)-ureido]-2-methoxy-phenyl}-methanesulfonamide
1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-(4-[3-(2-morpholin-4-yl-ethyl)-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl]-naphthalen-1-yl)-urea;
1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-(4-[3-(2-dimethylamino-ethyl)-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl]-naphthalen-1-yl)-urea;
1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(3-pyridin-2-ylmethyl-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
1-[4-(1-Benzyl-1H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-3-(5-tert-butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-urea;
1-[4-(2-Amino-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-3-(5-tert-butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-urea;
N-(6-{4-[3-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-ureido]-naphthalen-1-yl}-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-2-yl)-acetamide;

N-(6-{4-[3-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-ureido]-naphthalen-1-yl}-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-2-yl)-benzamide;
N-(6-{4-[3-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-ureido]-naphthalen-1-yl}-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-2-yl)-nicotinamide;
N-(6-{4-[3-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-ureido]-naphthalen-1-yl}-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-2-yl)-methanesulfonamide;
1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(3-methanesulfonyl-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(2-diethylaminomethyl-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylmethyl-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-[2-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-ylmethyl)-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl]-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-6-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(2,3-dioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[2,3-b]pyrazin-7-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
1-[4-(3-Benzyl-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrido[2,3-b][1,4]oxazin-7-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-3-(5-tert-butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-urea;

1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(1-methyl-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrido[2,3-b][1,4]oxazin-7-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
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1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(6-cyclopentylamino-purin-9-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;

1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(6-isopropylamino-purin-9-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(6-cyclohexylamino-purin-9-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(6-(tetrahydro-pyran-4-ylamino)-purin-9-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(6-(tetrahydro-furan-3-ylamino)-purin-9-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(6-pyrrolidin-1-yl-purin-9-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(6-morpholin-4-yl-purin-9-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea;
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1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(2,6-dioxo-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-purin-9-yl)-naphthalen-1-yl]-urea and
1-(5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-3-(4-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-1-yl-naphthalen-1-yl)-urea

or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters or isomers thereof.

17. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound according to claims 1, 8 or 16.

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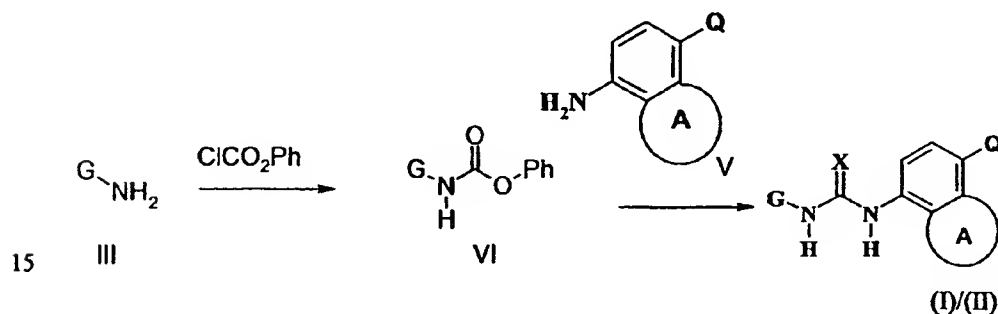
18. A method of treating a cytokine mediated disease or condition which comprises administering to a patient in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claims 1, 8 or 16.

19. The method according to claim 18 wherein cytokine mediated disease or condition is selected from acute and chronic inflammation in the lung caused by inhalation of smoke, endometriosis, Behcet's disease, uveitis and ankylosing spondylitis, pancreatitis, Lyme disease, rheumatoid arthritis, inflammatory bowel disease, septic shock, osteoarthritis, Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, multiple sclerosis, Guillain-Barre syndrome, psoriasis, graft versus host disease, systemic lupus erythematosus, restenosis following percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty, diabetes, toxic shock syndrome, Alzheimer's disease, acute and chronic pain, contact dermatitis, atherosclerosis, traumatic

arthritis, glomerulonephritis, reperfusion injury, sepsis, bone resorption diseases, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, congestive heart failure, asthma, stroke, myocardial infarction, thermal injury, adult respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS), multiple organ injury secondary to trauma, dermatoses with acute inflammatory components, acute
 5 purulent meningitis, necrotizing enterocolitis and syndromes associated with hemodialysis, leukopheresis and granulocyte transfusion.

20. The method according to claim 19 wherein the disease is selected from rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, Crohn's disease, psoriasis, ulcerative colitis, osteoporosis, chronic
 10 obstructive pulmonary disease, restenosis following percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty and congestive heart failure.

21. A process of making a compound according to claim 1:



wherein G, X, A and Q of the formula I or II are described in claim 1,

comprising:

20 reacting an arylamine of formula III with an alkyl or aryl chloroformate, in a suitable solvent, optionally in the presence of a suitable base, at a temperature between 0-85 °C for 2 - 24 h providing carbamate VI;

25 reacting the carbamate and arylamine V in a non-protic, anhydrous solvent between 0 - 110 °C for 2 - 24 h, providing the product of formula I or II.

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